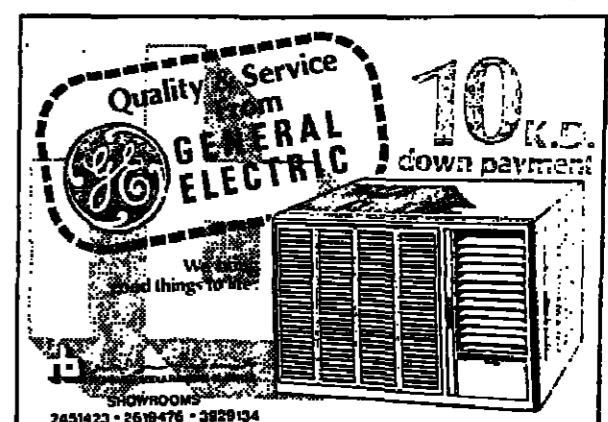


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Sparrows hit again

MANILA, June 26. (UPI): Suspected communist assassins, hiding behind a statue of the Virgin Mary, today ambushed a suburban police chief as he drove to work and a police corporal was slain in another suburban police raid.

Lt. Col. Jose Balbas, chief in Manila's Paranaque, sustained multiple gunshot wounds in the ambush as he was battling the government for 20 years.

Police said two gunmen hiding behind a life-size statue of the Virgin Mary near the subdivision entrance opened

fire on Balbas with a .45-calibre pistol and an assault rifle.

The gunmen later fled in a van, police said.

Balbas is the second police official assassinated in less

than a week by suspected "Sparks" hit squads of the 23,000-member Communist New People's Army, which has been battling the government for 20 years.

Balbas' wife being comforted (picture) as she cries over the body of her husband. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWSWATCH

KAC Eid bonus

KUWAIT Airways (KAC) staff will get a bonus for Eid Al Adha in July, according to a circular issued to all KAC employees.

The circular, signed by KAC Chairman Ahmed Al Mishari, says the management decided to pay bonus because of the high profits earned by the airline in the fiscal year 1988/89.

The airline earned a total revenue of over KD33 million with net profits exceeding KD10 million.

Deputies legal

CAIRO, June 26. (Reuter): Egypt's Parliament today shelved a court ruling which disbanded 78 deputies, serving a blow to opposition parties which had expected to gain more seats.

In April, the supreme administrative court ruled that 55 deputies from two major opposition groups and 23 from the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) had been wrongly selected.

Loud warning

LLODIO, Spain, June 26. (Reuter): Basque separatist guerrillas exploded their most powerful bomb ever in northern Spain just before a two-day European Economic Community summit began in Madrid today.

Missile hit

ROME, June 26. (Reuter): Evidence was available nine years ago to show that a missile knocked an Italian airliner out of the sky in 1980 and killed 81 people, an US expert said in an interview published today.

A judicial inquiry concluded only this year that DC-9 plane was struck by a missile fired by an unknown fighter near Sicily.

The more the better

WASHINGTON, June 26. (AP): The US supreme court decided to curtail enormous awards in personal-injury lawsuits today, refusing to extend a ban on excessive criminal fines to civil cases.

By a 7-2 vote, the court upheld a \$6-million award a jury ordered a Houston waste-collection company to pay a Vermont competitor.

Rebels massacre Filipinos in church

MANILA, June 26. (AP): Suspected communist rebels battled anti-Marxist vigilantes at a church in a remote mountain village, killing 39 people who had gathered to worship, military and church officials said today.

Two of the dead — a Protestant lay leader and his brother — were beheaded during the clash yesterday at a United Church of Christ chapel in Rano, about 640 miles (1,025 kilometres) southeast of Manila.

At least eight people were wounded, church and military officials said. The military said the death toll could be higher because the rebels carted away their casualties. A church official in Manila said the 39 known dead were members of the congregation.

Lt. Col. Jose Maneja, deputy commander of Davao Del Sur province, said about 17 New People's Army guerrillas entered the village at about 9 am (0100 GMT), looking for the leader of a local anti-communist group.

Maneja said details were unclear, but apparently someone said vigilante leader Ruben Ayab was inside the church and shooting broke out. Ayab was killed along with his two brothers.

US upholds execution of minors, retarded killers

WASHINGTON, June 26. (AP): States are free to impose the death penalty for murderers who committed their crimes while aged 16 and 17, the US supreme court ruled today.

By a 5-4 vote, the justices said the death penalty for juvenile killers does not violate the constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

In a pair of decisions, the court upheld the death sentences of two young killers in Missouri and Kentucky. They were 16 and 17, respectively, when they committed their crimes.

In a separate decision, the

court ruled in a Texas case that the constitution does not categorically prohibit the execution of mentally retarded killers.

But in splintered voting in that case, the court said the juries and judges in such cases must be allowed to take into consideration a murderer defendant's mental retardation.

In the decision on the death penalty for juveniles, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court that no national consensus exists against the execution of murderers who committed their crimes while under the age of 18.

Soviet N-sub limps home

OSLO, June 26. (Agencies): A Soviet nuclear submarine headed slowly for a Soviet port today after a breakdown in its reactor system, Soviet and Norwegian officials said.

No injuries or radiation leaks were reported, but Norwegians were upset about slow Soviet reporting of the second such incident in three months.

Norway did not receive official word until more than eight hours after the accident, which occurred 69 miles (110 kilometres) off the Nato country's northern coast, officials said.

"It is unsatisfactory for us as a neighbouring state not to be warned," Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Joergen Holst told a news conference today.

Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov, quoted today in the Soviet government daily Izvestia, said a nuclear reactor pipeline burst while the submarine was submerged.

"The radiation situation is normal, people are safe," Yazov told Izvestia as two Soviet support ships pumped water onto the Echo-2 class submarine to cool its damaged reactor.

The submarine was limping on the surface through Arctic waters toward its home base on auxiliary power at a speed of four knots.

Yazov said a large Soviet ship was headed for the submarine and would tow it to its home in Severomorsk, north of Murmansk of the Kola peninsula.

The accident, which followed a more serious one involving another Soviet submarine off Norway on April 7, happened at 0017 GMT today when the submarine was 350 km (210 miles) south of Norway's Bear island.

"The commander of the submarine, Captain Second Class Kasatkin, ordered emergency surfacing after which the ship continued on additional engines," Yazov said. "The crew was not hurt."

The commander of the Soviet Navy said today there were nuclear weapons on board the stricken submarine.

However, Vladimir Chernavin told Soviet television that the weapons themselves were in a safe condition.

Khalkhali replaced

NICOSIA, June 26. (Reuter): Iran's "hanging" judge, Hojatoleslam Sadeq Khalkhali, was replaced yesterday as head of Parliament's foreign affairs committee.

The official news agency IRNA, reporting an annual election for the post, said it went to Saeed Rajabi Khorasan, a Deputy from Tehran and former chief of the Islamic republic's mission at the United Nations.

He was Iran's best known and most ruthless Islamic judge in the early years after Ayatollah Khomeini's 1979 revolution, sending hundreds of supporters of the ousted Shah.

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penalty for juveniles, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court that no national consensus exists against the execution of murderers who committed their crimes while under the age of 18.

more than an accident and a minor vehicle violation — and there was no need for the grand jury to get involved," Leland said. The magazine did not identify the lawmen or say when the meeting occurred.

"There was a cover-up," Leland said. "All they were concerned about was protecting Ted's (Kennedy's) political career. It was, like, the hell with the fact that this young woman lost her life."

Kennedy could not be reached for comment yesterday.

"The bottom line was that this was nothing

By Fatima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

A SPOKESMAN at the social affairs minister's office declined to comment on reports of possible changes in the labour rules that were implemented on March 22 this year.

Reports said the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour was reviewing the law and might

change some of its clauses.

Sources said alterations might be made regarding the three-year job restriction, 10-year stay exemption for residence transfers, an employer's obligation to bear cost of repatriation and a letter of residence issued.

Asked if changes were in the offing, the spokesman said: "No, I have no idea." Asked whether alterations would be made in the near future, he said: "No comment."

Assistant Undersecretary Abdullah Ghiloum also declined comment.

The new rules restrict the movement of manpower from one company to another, limiting the duration of minimum employment to three years. It exempts residents who stay continuously for 10 years from the three-year work restriction.

Although the law does not specify the category of workers, the 10-year exemption is

being interpreted as meaning only those expatriates who have worked for 10 years on visa no. 18. Long-time residents who took up jobs and changed their residence from visa no. 20 or 22 to no. 18 come under the three-year work rule.

Employers are now obliged to hire a person for a minimum of three years; in case an employer sacks a person before the expiry of the period, he has to repatriate the employee.



The crew standing on top of the burning submarine. (Reuter wirephoto)

Prices rise on Kuwaiti pledge

Oil sales blitz stopped

LONDON, June 26. (Agencies): Oil prices rose today after Kuwait gave new assurances it was cutting output to help buoy the market even though it refuses to stick to its OPEC quota.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) quoted Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa as saying a sales blitz by Kuwait was stopped "on my orders."

New York crude oil futures gained almost 25 cents to \$19.95 for a barrel of the US benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) before easing slightly.

London futures for North Sea Brent blend, another market crude, made a similar gain.

Local shortages of these oils also helped to raise prices.

Maintenance workers went on strike on some oil production platforms in the North Sea while in the United States the Midwest region has been short of its favoured WTI.

Prepare for Euro-unity

GCC warned

KUWAIT, June 26. (Reuter): A leading economist has warned business and governments in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) to prepare for more difficult access to European markets.

In a monthly report released yesterday, Gulf International Bank (GIB) chief economist Henry Azzam said the 12 members of the European Economic Community (EEC) might impose stricter trade policies and limits on the activities of non-EEC institutions when they abolish trade barriers within the community in 1992.

"Internationally-oriented Gulf financial institutions and exporters of refined (oil) and petrochemical products from the region should develop strategies that would help them better compete in the European-wide market," he said.

He said branches of Gulf banks and financial institutions already established in the EEC might benefit from more liberal European markets, but warned they might have to set up fully-fledged subsidiaries to engage in certain activities.

Azzam said the EEC was considering requiring full reciprocity as a condition for access to its financial markets, and as a result, some GCC countries might be forced to consider opening up their economies to European investment banking.

"There is no alternative for the GCC countries other than to pursue forcefully the goal of establishing a free trade agreement with the EEC," he said.



Papa is better

Sophia, daughter of ailing Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou leaves the hospital with her husband and son after a visit with her father, whose health has improved. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Mullah spied for America

NICOSIA, June 26. (Reuter): An Iranian Muslim cleric said on Iranian television today that he had spied for the United States, supplying information about factional divisions among his country's ruling clerics.

Heshmatollah Majsoodi, 58, said that on a trip to the US last year he also had a 30-minute meeting with Reza Pahlavi, the heir to the throne of the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi who was toppled by the Islamic revolution 10 years ago.

Majsoodi, who is also an attorney, said he made his first contact with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) last year when he applied for a visa at a US consulate in West Germany.

He was Iran's best known and most ruthless Islamic judge in the early years after Ayatollah Khomeini's 1979 revolution, sending hundreds of supporters of the ousted Shah.

In the decision on the death

Thousands moved

Iraqi buffer zone

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 26. (AP): Iraq is creating a 30-kilometre (19-mile) deep depopulated strip along its eastern border to avoid a repetition of the "bitter experience" the population suffered during the Gulf war, the Iraqi News Agency reported today.

The official agency quoted a press release by the Iraqi embassy in London as saying the strip will stretch north-south along the 1,200-kilometre (746-mile) border with Turkey and Iran.

Diplomats in Baghdad have said some 500,000 Kurds have been relocated and some 3,000 villages cleared in recent years as the Baghdad government tried to break up the tight-knit Kurdish clan system.

Baghdad denied the charge, insisting the Kurds were being relocated as part of a plan to develop the area after "long years of backwardness."

Today's statement said the transfer of the border population was not limited to the population of Kurdistan, "but extends to the provinces in the midlands and the south."

It said the decision was prompted by the "bitter experience ... throughout the eight years of Iranian aggression, and in view of the barbaric bombardment ... to which the population of these areas were subjected and the acts of terror and blackmail perpetrated against them by the treacherous groups of mercenary bands."

DAY BY DAY

Iraqi buffer zone

WE thank HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for asking the minister of housing and acting minister for services to investigate the issue of the airport porters.

The attention of the Crown Prince and Prime Minister is the result of an appeal made in the Day by Day column on Sunday.

We hope that the minister of housing and acting minister for services affairs will pay attention to these poor people who have served us for 30 years. I request him also to listen to their views and not only to the views of the airport officials.

Zahed Matar

United against Rajiv-darshan

NEW DELHI, June 26. (Reuters): India's splintered opposition united today in nation-wide protests against what it sees as ruling party manipulation of radio and television news.

Opposition leaders broke through police lines at radio and television headquarters in Delhi, followed by thousands of supporters, and marched into waiting police buses to be 'arrested' in the tradition of local political protests.

Opposition leader Vishwanath Pratap Singh — likely to face Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in elections this year — and Rajiv's estranged sister-in-law Maneka Gandhi were carried on the shoulders of boisterous supporters to the buses.

"People have a fundamental right to hear the opposition. Radio and television are run with taxpayers' money and should be unbiased," Singh shouted.

Protesters also set fire to a television set to dramatise their charge that the Congress (I) Party is using the state radio and television monopoly to push Rajiv's election bid.

Local news agencies reported similar protests in almost all India's 25 states.

More than 1,000 people, including some women, were arrested and 12 injured when police with riot clubs broke up a protest in Andhra Pradesh, the United News of India said.

Demonstrators picketed radio and television stations in Assam in the far northeast, Orissa in the east, Jammu and Kashmir state in the north and Kerala in the south.

The protest, organised by the Janata Dal opposition party, also brought out members of India's two communist parties and the Hindu chauvinist Bharatiya Janata Party.

India's lone television network, Doordarshan, means farce in Hindi. Speakers at the rally ridiculed it as "Rajiv-darshan" and "Liar-darshan".

Indian troops kill 14 Tamil Tigers in ambush

COLOMBO, June 26. (Reuters): Indian troops ambushed and killed 14 Tamil guerrillas in northern Sri Lanka today after a week of intensified anti-rebel operations, an Indian embassy spokeswoman said.

She said the rebels of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrilla group

were killed by paratroops at Omanthai. The Tigers, who are holding peace talks with the government, are the most powerful Tamil separatist group.

The spokeswoman said more than 40 rebels had been killed over the past week. She said she could not give Indian casualties but security sources in

Colombo put the number of Indian dead at about 50.

Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa today hinted at the possibility of a foreign power being behind unrest in the country.

"Many people suspect that a foreign power is inciting sections of the people

to create disturbances at a time when we are trying to send Indian troops away," he told a local council meeting at Mahiyangana, 160 km (100 miles) off Colombo. He did not name the power.

A two-week-old strike by 50,000 bus workers has crippled transport and is affecting the economy. The President

issued an ultimatum to strikers to return by today or lose their jobs.

His plan to bring in new bus workers failed as people stayed indoors, heeding threats by the leftist People's Liberation Front (JVP).

"Anyone seen on the roads will be shot dead and vehicles on the roads will

be bombed," read a leaflet by the JVP's military wing. A few vehicles defied the threats but no violence was reported.

The front stepped up its fight to overthrow the government after the arrival of the Indian troops two years ago to implement a pact aimed at ending the Tamil rebellion.



A Bangladeshi policeman stands guard as tribespeople and settlers queue up outside a polling station in Chittagong Hill Tracts. (Reuters wirephoto)

Polls held in Hill Tracts

Elections may not end insurgency

KHAGRACHARI, Bangladesh, June 26. (AP): In its first attempt at grass-roots democracy, Bangladesh held district council elections yesterday in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, a remote region of primeval forests and straw huts where a bush war has simmered and periodically flared for 14 years.

The candidates, the voters and the soldiers who patrol the area concede the elections probably will not end the insurgency by Buddhist tribal rebels who seek to expel Bengali Muslim settlers who arrived in the past decade.

The rebels — who belong to the Shanti Bahini, tried to frighten their fellow tribesmen away from the polls with death threats and by burning at least a score of villages in the last two months.

There were no reports yesterday of any killings on election day, but the government said at least 12 potential voters were killed in the past two months and thousands more had fled to neighbouring India or into nearby jungles.

More than 4,000 people have died since the insurrection started in 1974 in this region of 13,468 square kilometres

(5,200 square miles) that starts 210 kilometres (130 miles) southeast of Dhaka and stretches along the borders with India and Burma.

Election results, are largely immaterial, since the ethnic makeup of the three district councils was predetermined by the government and weighted with a two-thirds majority favouring the tribes over the settlers.

For instance, Bengali rebels against Chakmas, Tripura tribespeople ran against Chakmas, Tripura tribespeople ran against Tripuras.

The elections were conducted on a non-party basis, and a dozen candidates who talked with reporters were unable to enunciate any platform other than they would work on a "democratic" basis to decide local affairs, such as controlling new settlements, levying local taxes and hiring local police.

The Chakmas, Tripuras and at least 11 other tribes made up more than 90 per cent of the Chittagong Hills' population 40 years ago. Diluted by an influx of Bengali settlers in the past decade, they now comprise only 60 per cent by government estimates.

Student activists escape dragon

BELIJING, June 26. (AP): A senior military officer said today that those who while resisting the Army's June 3-4 onslaught on Beijing "got what they deserved."

Li Zhiyin, one of the commanders of the military assault that ended almost seven weeks of pro-democracy student demonstrations, said he had "no regrets" about what Chinese and foreign witnesses have claimed was a massacre of unarmed residents and students.

The official press also reported today that the Communist Party was prepared to expel members who participated in the pro-democracy movement, suggesting a full-scale purge following Saturday's announcement that moderate party chief Zhao Ziyang had been ousted from all his party posts.

A Shanghai daily, seen today in Beijing, also said 14 members of the "wild geese suicide squad" — young people who joined street protests in Shanghai following the crackdown in Beijing — had received prison terms of up to 15 years.

Two Americans, one a teacher and the other a student at Nankai University in Tianjin, adjoining Beijing to the east, were ordered to leave China by Friday, a US embassy spokesman said.

Helen Qubain, a student, and Mark Radicic were being expelled because "evidently they were very involved in the student movement," the spokesman said.

The two, whose ages and hometowns were not immediately known, had been questioned several times by public security forces, the spokesman said.

Also today, activists in Hong Kong said they had helped two other student leaders and two other dissident escape from China.

A student activist in Hong Kong refused to divulge details of the escape of Wu'er Kaixi, a Beijing Normal University student who chastised Premier Li Peng on nation-wide television and gave fiery speeches that fuelled the democracy movement. The Hong Kong student said that he did not want to jeopardise future efforts to bring dissidents from China. The other student leader is Li Lu, a junior at Nanjing University.

Intellectuals Yan Jiaqi and Wan Kuanmu were also smuggled to the West through Hong Kong, according to a diplomatic source in Hong Kong, who also said he believed Wu'er had left China. Wu'er's whereabouts were not divulged. Wu'er escaped with his girlfriend, Lin Yan.

Yan Jiaqi fled with his wife, Gao Ao.



Some bodies of the RSS men being cremated. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hindu killing protest closes Punjab shops

Anger against radicals

CHANDIGARH, India, June 26. (Reuters): Most urban shops, private businesses, schools and colleges across north India's Punjab state closed today in protest at the killing of 24 Hindus by Sikh extremists.

In some towns, private buses and taxis joined the strike in anger at the killing yesterday of members of the right-wing Hindu Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangha (RSS) as they performed martial exercises in a public park at Moga, a town 160 km (100 miles) west of the Punjab capital Chandigarh.

It was the worst incident for several months in the militants' long struggle for an independent Sikh homeland and took this year's death toll to more than 950 people. Last year more than 2,500 were killed.

Police said more shops which did open in Punjab towns closed later, often after being threatened by young men on motorcycles. No violence was reported.

In New Delhi, dozens of right-wing Hindus were detained during an angry demonstration near the heavily-guarded house of Home Minister Butta Singh.

Supporters of the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party and RSS burst through police barriers near the house, demanding Singh's resignation for failing to

protect Punjab's Hindus, most of whom live in towns.

Some of the crowd, estimated by police at around 2,000 strong, tried to set fire to three buses and damaged them.

Dozens of protesters were detained on buses, driven to a police station, and released.

Singh also ran into a hail of abuse yesterday evening when he visited the park in Moga, which was placed under a round-the-clock curfew after the killings there.

Residents said they were particularly angered by the absence of response from a nearby security post after two gunmen walked into the park, opened fire with assault rifles on the RSS men, planted two bombs and walked back to a van.

They killed an elderly Hindu couple who shouted at them before driving away. The bombs they left behind killed three people who went to help the victims, one of them a policeman blown 40 feet (13 metres) into the air.

It was the third time in three years Sikh militants have attacked RSS men at their daily exercises.

The RSS is a controversial Hindu revivalist group founded in 1925 that claims six million members. All male, they are not allowed to marry and work without pay.

Peacekeeping force

BANGKOK, June 26. (UPI): The Khmer Rouge guerrilla group said today they are prepared to allow a UN peacekeeping force to stay in Cambodia for as long as 20 years in order to ensure a lasting peace for the country.

Gas pipeline blast

LAHORE, June 26. (OPECNA): The cause of the gas pipeline blast Friday night which caused at least 12 deaths, serious burn injuries to 50 people and widespread damage to property in a congested part of the city has yet to be conclusively determined.

Tariq Buta, a spokesman of the gas company, was quoted as saying in early reports of the tragedy that the explosion was the result of an act of sabotage.

Crazy and risky

NEW DELHI, June 26. (KUNA): He does things, which most people would consider crazy and extremely risky.

N. Parthasarthy, a 37-year-old foundry supervisor at combator in southern state of Tamil Nadu, likes living with snakes and scorpion and allow them to crawl all over him.

Parthasarthy was in the capital where he claimed that he had been bitten 1,700,000 times by scorpions and snakes including some of the most poisonous vipers.

29 electrocuted

NEW DELHI, June 26. (Reuters): Twenty-nine people were electrocuted when a bus carrying a marriage party hit a high-tension cable, the Press Trust of India reported.

The bride and groom leaped out unharmed after a metal box on the bus roof hit the cable near Bareilly, northern India, last night. Four women and 13 children were among the dead.

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'Wire curtain'

BUDAPEST, June 26. (AP): The Hungarian state news agency MTI reported today that Romania was pulling down a wire border fence.

In a June 20 report, MTI said Romania had nearly completed a 2- to 2.5-metre (6.5- to 8.2-foot) high wire fence along its border with Hungary.

But MTI said today that a 300-kilometre (186-mile) section of the "wire curtain" was removed over the weekend.

Romania came under bitter attack for flouting human rights accords during a month-long

meeting in Paris that ended Friday. Even the Soviet Union, at the Paris conference on the Human Dimension, implicitly criticised Romania for building the barbed-wire fence.

"The Helsinki Final Act makes no mention of a barbed wire wall," chief Soviet delegate Yuri Kashlev told reporters at the conference. "If we were the Romanians, we wouldn't have done it."

MTI said Romania started to erect the wire fence one and a half years ago to prevent illegal crossing into Hungary.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Scandal probe

WASHINGTON, June 26, (Reuter): US Senate majority leader George Mitchell said yesterday that Congress should not re-open its probe into the Iran-Contra scandal despite a new report saying key documents may have been unavailable to lawmakers.

"There is no basis at this time in my judgement for a resumption of the investigation or the creation of a new investigation," Mitchell, a Maine Democrat, said on a US television programme.

Sarney may quit

SAO PAULO, June 26, (Reuter): A high-level Brazilian government official has said that President Jose Sarney may quit office before his term ends on March 15.

The leader of the government in the Chamber of Deputies, Luis Roberto Ponte, told reporters in the southern city of Porto Alegre on Saturday that Sarney was "ready to make any sacrifice to bring the transition to an end in the greatest possible transparency."

Policeman killed

LIMA, Peru, June 26, (AP): Shining Path guerrillas killed a policeman, a Navy officer and a civilian in attacks in the past day, officials said yesterday.

Police officer Marco Leon and another officer policeman were surprised Saturday by four guerrillas at a control post in an industrial zone on the outskirts of Lima.

According to witnesses, the attackers shot and killed Leon and wounded the other policeman.

Weekend violence

BOGOTA, June 26, (Reuter): Eleven people including two city councilmen and seven leftist guerrillas, were killed and two banks were dynamited in a weekend of political violence in Colombia, authorities said today.

In Yali, 390 km (240 miles) north of Bogota, gunmen burst into an ice cream parlor and shot dead two city councilmen of the ruling Liberal Party in a Friday night raid.

Sakharov's visit

OSLO, Norway, June 26, (AP): Andrei Sakharov arrived yesterday on his first visit to Norway, nearly 14 years after the Soviet human rights activist won the Nobel Peace Prize.

"Better late than never... I should have been here in 1975, but I was delayed by a few years," Sakharov said, speaking briefly to reporters upon arrival at an Oslo airport from London.

Officers questioned

MEXICO CITY, June 26, (AP): Three police intelligence officers were questioned yesterday about the slaying of Mexico's most prominent investigative reporter.

Juventino Prado, Raul Perez Carrizosa and Sofia Naya, made a preliminary appearance yesterday before judge Roberto Hernandez Martinez of Mexico City's 34th criminal court at the northern penitentiary, a court clerk said.

Strong earthquake

KALAPANA, Hawaii, June 26, (UPI): A strong earthquake shook the southeast coast of Hawaii island yesterday evening, destroying at least two homes and triggering landslides and power outages. Some minor injuries were reported.

The National Earthquake Information Centre in Golden, Colorado, said the quake measured 6.1 on the Richter scale. It struck at 5.27 pm (0327 GMT), officials said.

Jumped to death

PARIS, June 26, (UPI): A man jumped to his death from the top of Notre-Dame Cathedral today, killing a school girl when he landed on the ground below, police said.

Police said the middle-aged man, whose identity was not released, jumped from the southern tower of Notre-Dame at about 11 am and landed on a 13-year-old girl, who was visiting the popular tourist site with a school group.

Nun recovering

HOUSTON, June 26, (UPI): A 72-year-old nun shot in the head by a gunman in El Salvador was writing notes and squeezing the fingers of nurses, good evidence she was recovering, her doctor said yesterday.

"We have upgraded her condition today from critical to serious," said Dr Robert Baker. "She is awake. She's fully responsive not only to verbal commands but also to conversation."

Voters approve

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 26, (AP): Regional voters yesterday approved converting to civilian use the site of Switzerland's first atomic power reactor, an experimental unit shut in 1969 after a partial meltdown and radioactive leak.

In a low turnout of about 6 per cent, 17,041 residents of Vaudanton (state), 83 per cent of those voting, backed "reclassifying" the site in the town of Lausanne.

Leader killed

TOKYO, June 26, (AP): A former leader of a leftist radical group was abducted and killed yesterday, apparently a victim of factional rivalries within the group, police said.

An official of the Ibaraki prefectural (state) police used fingerprints to identify the body found in a sleeping bag in Ushiki, Ibaraki, north of Tokyo, by Hiroaki Nagai, 43.

Concerts cancelled

JOHANNESBURG, June 26, (Reuter): The Commodores, the black US pop group, have cancelled concerts next month in South Africa under anti-apartheid pressure, organisers said today.

Spokeswoman Hazel Feldman of the Sun International Leisure Company said the group had pulled out after "stars on their intentions and beliefs from organisations in the United States as well as South Africa."

Study: population booms endanger political stability

WASHINGTON, June 26, (AP): Rapidly growing populations threaten social turbulence, endangering the political stability of many nations, according to a new analysis by a private group.

West Africa's Mauritania was rated the most potentially unstable nation in the world in the analysis released yesterday by the Population Crisis Committee, which advocates birth control.

Japan finished at the other end of the scale, the most stable nation.

And the United States fell in the "moderate" category, losing ground to 16 countries rated as more stable because of this country's ethnic conflicts and high rate of youth unemployment.

"Rapid population growth, especially when overlaid with sharp ethnic divisions, places enormous strains on political institutions," observed the study, compiled by Sharon L. Camp, Marshall Green and Patricia G. Barnett.

In addition, the study took into account changes in government

over the last 30 years or so, political freedoms, civil liberties, ethnic or religious conflicts and an estimate of the satisfaction or frustration of youth in a country.

Mauritania, situated astride the Sahara desert, led the list for instability with a 93 score out of a possible 100. It also ranked high in the separate population pressure rankings, scoring 71 out of 100.

Round out the five most unstable nations were Ethiopia, scoring 87; Zaire, 83; and Burundi and the Sudan, 81 each.

All five have been through several governments and all but Zaire scored the maximum in communal violence, with bitter conflicts underway in several of these countries. And all five also ranked high in the study of population pressures.

On the 100-point instability scale, Japan accumulated only 13 points and was also near the bottom of the population pressure study.

The United States, by comparison, accumulated 31 points in

the instability analysis.

Both nations managed a top ranking of 1 point for government changes, political and civil rights.

High scorers are losers

120 nations' instability rated

WASHINGTON, June 26, (AP): The following is the Population Crisis Committee's rating of political and social instability in 120 nations, on a scale of 1 to 100, with high figures representing a highly unstable country and low figures representing a stable nation.

Mauritania, 93; Ethiopia, 87; Zaire, 83; Burundi, 81; Sudan, 81; Burma, 79; Chad, 78; Uganda, 78; Angola, 77; Laos, 77; Madagascar, 77; Syria, 75; Afghanistan, 74.

Bangladesh, 73; Lebanon, 72; Vietnam, 72; Yemen, 72; Nigeria, 72; Indonesia, 71; Benin, 70; Pakistan, 68; Philippines, 68; Yemen South, 67; Central African Republic, 67; Nicaragua, 66; Somalia, 66.

Libya, 64; Tunisia, 64; Congo, 63; Cambodia, 63; Zimbabwe, 63; Chile, 62; Niger, 62; Burkina Faso, 61; Mozambique, 61; Ghana, 60; Iran, 60; Iraq, 60; Rwanda, 60.

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El Salvador, 59; Togo, 59; Sri Lanka, 58; China, 57; Haiti, 56; Liberia, 56; USSR, 56; Guinea, 56; Morocco, 55; South Africa, 55; Egypt, 54; Saudi Arabia, 54; Algeria, 53.

Bolivia, 53; Jordan, 53; Tanzania, 53; Thailand, 53; Albania, 52; Brazil, 52; Guatemala, 52; Czechoslovakia, 51; Malawi, 51; Mali, 51; Panama, 51; Kenya, 50; North Korea, 50; Turkey, 50; Sierra Leone, 49.

Argentina, 48; Honduras, 48; Peru, 48; Poland, 48; Zambia, 48; India, 47; Colombia, 46; Dominican Republic, 45; Israel, 45; Paraguay, 45; Senegal, 45; Yugoslavia, 45; Cameroon, 44.

South Korea, 42; Cuba, 42; Malaysia, 42; Mexico, 42; Ecuador, 41; Ireland, 41; United Kingdom, 41; Gabon, 40; Hungary, 39; East Germany, 38.

And, in the dissatisfied youth category, unemployment hurt the US, which scored 18 out of 40 possible points, compared to 9 points for Japan.

S. Korean students clash with police

SEOUL, June 26, (AP): Club-wielding students threw hundreds of firebombs at police in a protest demanding the release of a prominent clergyman who went on trial today for making a secret, illegal trip to North Korea.

The clash between police and about 500 students occurred at Sogang University, about five kilometres (three miles) from the courthouse where the Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan, a Presbyterian minister, went on trial on charges of violating the national security law, which carries a possible death sentence.

Police arrested 13 students who seized the rooftop of a building near the courthouse and unfurled a banner reading "Immediately release patriotic unification fighter Moon."

About 1,500 police were deployed around Seoul's district criminal court, where Moon was brought in blue prison garb, his hands handcuffed and tied with a rope. Some 200 supporters staged a sit-in demanding to be allowed into the courtroom.

There were no arrests, and the judge ordered some of the 50 plainclothes police to give up their seats in the court.

At Sogang, students yelling "Release Moon Ik-Hwan" fought riot police with metal pipes, clubs and firebombs. Police fought back using rocks and clubs seized from the students.

In the provincial city of Kwanju, 1,000 students from Chosun University clashed with riot police after they were blocked from marching to the prosecutor's office, Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, reported.

Students threw several hundred firebombs and rocks before they were dispersed with tear gas, Yonhap said.

Moon is charged with violating the security law by making a nine-day trip to the Communist north in March, during which he talked to North Korean President Kim II Sung on national unification.

South Korea forbids unauthorised trips to its archrival and maintains that discussions of unification must be carried out through government channels.

Arrest warrants were issued for three students the government says have encouraged participation in the World Youth Festival to be held in North Korea July 1-8. The government has banned participation in the festival.

The students, leaders of a nationwide radical student group, have been charged with violation of national security laws, prosecutors said.

Moon acknowledged the prosecutor's charge that he visited North Korea, and said, "It is our disgrace that we have not erased the 38th parallel (dividing the Korean peninsula). My visit was motivated by the will to solve a national tragedy."



Japan's Prime Minister Sosuke Uno pats his forehead as he fumbles for the right words to answer questions from reporters in Tokyo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Oh Boy

Uno's got troubles

TOKYO, June 26, (AP): Prime Minister Sosuke Uno today promised political reforms to win back public trust after a weekend election setback, and acknowledged that allegations he once paid a mistress were causing problems.

Yesterday, Socialist Party candidate Kinuko Ofuchi, a mother of two, won a by-election in Niigata, northern Japan, for a seat in parliament's upper house.

A Socialist previously had the seat, but Uno told reporters today, "I never expected that we would lose so badly" in the traditionally conservative district.

"We have lost that badly we have to think seriously about it and examine why it happened," he said.

The loss in a by-election yesterday was seen as a harbinger of upper house elections on July 23.

The upper house elections next month are considered a bell-wether for the more important lower house elections which could be held as early as October and will determine which party forms Japan's next government.

Uno acknowledged that a new 3 per cent sales tax, the Recruit influence-peddling scandal and farm issues were major factors in his Liberal Democratic Party's defeat.

In a news conference today, Uno again refused to comment on reports that he had paid a geisha to be his mistress for four months in 1985.

"I have always respected political ethics for 30 years and I have not done anything unethical," he said. But in an apparent reference to the geisha case, he added, "I think it is regrettable that I caused trouble."

He noted press reports suggesting that the geisha scandal also affected yesterday's voting, but said, "I'm not in a position to comment."

A weekly magazine had reported that geisha link, without naming the woman.

After the polls closed last night, a 40-year-old former geisha appeared in a national television interview, saying she was the woman, and that Uno had paid more than 3 million yen (\$31,430) to her and her geisha house for her to be his mistress.

Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan



Inspired by Gorbachev

BUDAPEST, June 26, (AP): Politburo member Imre Pozsgay has praised Soviet reforms and warned that anti-Soviet protests in Hungary would be "extremely dangerous," a newspaper reported.

Pozsgay, who was promoted to a four-man party presidium on Saturday, said the central committee has decided to nominate him for the post of Hungary's president when parliament meets to discuss creation of the state's highest office. It was not clear when the new president would take office, perhaps not until 1990.

Speaking on Hungarian state television last night, Pozsgay said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's broad programme of reform aimed at improving personal freedoms and revamping the stagnant economy was a source of inspiration for Hungarian reformers.

Oil spill closes beach, claims its first wildlife

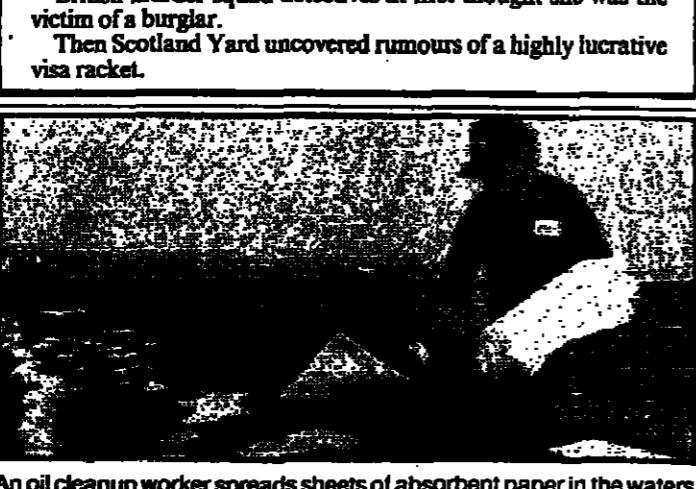
NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 26, (AP): Nearly half a million gallons (1.9 million litres) of oil from a grounded tanker closed beaches and claimed its first wildlife victims, and hundreds of people worked to clean up spills in five states.

Beaches were ordered closed today in Rhode Island, and shellfishing was banned off the coast.

An undetermined number of oil-covered small lobsters and several birds have been found dead, state and federal environmental officials said.

Since lobsters, flounders, cod and haddock — important to the region's fishing industry — are laying their eggs, it is the "worst possible time to experience an oil spill," said Kenneth Sherman of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Fish can swim away from the oil slick, but larvae do not have that mobility, he said.

The Greek-licensed tanker World Prodigy struck Bretton Reef at the mouth of Narragansett bay on Friday. Gov. Edward DiPrete said the captain, Iakovis Georgoudis, admitted he failed to wait for a pilot and mistakenly chan-



An oil cleanup worker spreads sheets of absorbent paper in the waters of Newport harbour. (Reuter wirephoto)

City of blood starts to rise again

MAGHDAD, June 26, (AP): The reconstruction of the southern oil town of Fao, devastated during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, began yesterday after President Saddam Hussein declared Iraq's desire for peace with Iran.

But the fanfare scheduled to mark the rebuilding of what the Iraqis call "the City of Blood" was cancelled because of the

death of Michel Afiaq, a cofounder of the ruling Baath Socialist Party.

The foundation stone for the new town scheduled to rise from the ashes of Fao was laid with only senior government officials attending the low-key ceremony.

Iraq had originally planned big national celebrations, with heads of states and dignitaries from the Arab world and other

invited to take part.

Fao has become a symbol of Iraq's defence against repeated Iranian offensives during the war.

The Iranians captured Fao in February 1986. But the Iraqis retook it in April last year in the first of a series of lightning offensives that eventually forced Tehran to unconditionally accept a United

Nations ceasefire resolution.

The ceasefire took effect last August, but peace talks started then have bogged down in deadlock.

The reconstruction of Fao began on schedule after tens of thousands of workers and volunteers moved to the deserted ruins on the estuary of the Shatt Al Arab.

Israel's election plan PR: Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 26, (Reuters): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today Israel's proposals for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories were more public relations than substance.

He told a parliamentary committee: "The elections have more importance from a public relations point of view than in a practical sense."

Shamir appeared to reinforce Arab accusations that the initiative was aimed at ending an 18-month-old uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip without conceding real political power to the Palestinians.

"Those who will be elected will not be a parliament, but a group elected for a defined purpose," he told the committee.

"They will manage the life of the territories in the framework of autonomy within parameters that will be defined and later they will conduct negotiations with us on a settlement to the conflict."

Palestinian leaders have dismissed Shamir's proposals as a publicity gimmick meant to improve Israel's tarnished image in the West without conceding self-determination or occupied land to the Palestinians.

The statement could undercut efforts by the United States, Israel's closest ally, to solicit world support for the plan.

The hardline premier, facing a strong challenge to his peace proposals from right-wingers within his Likud Party on July 5, said Jerusalem was "not even mentioned" in the Israeli plan.

In the West Bank today, Palestinians killed an Arab woman accused of working with Israeli secret police in the latest in a wave of attacks on suspected collaborators.

Palestinians said the body of Sabah Al Kadi Kenaan, a 30-year-old divorcee, was found in the casbah (old market) of Nablus. She had been hacked to death with knives and axes.

Local residents said she was a well-known collaborator and had been previous attempts on her life.

Israeli Justice Minister Dan Meridor said today that increased deportation of Palestinian activists should be used to put down the uprising.

Meridor made the comment on Army Radio the day after the Justice and Defence ministries set up a joint committee to devise tougher and swifter measures against Palestinian protesters.

"I think deportation is serious but must be used, I would say perhaps even more than what has been done until now," Meridor said. "I think it's an effective punishment when we have appropriate evidence."

The hardline Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry Ariel Sharon has claimed that if he had been the defence minister the "intifada" would not have lasted 18 months."

In an interview with the Financial Times newspaper published here in London today, Sharon maintained that he "would not have used harder means, but different means."

The main business daily in Europe pointed out that like a rightwing Afrikaner in South Africa, he is accused by his critics of rashness and cruelty.

A fragile consensus is emerging that many of the thousands of Jews now leaving the Soviet Union should be encouraged to emigrate to Israel rather than the United States, Jewish officials say.

A total of 20,000 Jews left the Soviet Union last year. In the first five months of this year, 16,197 Jews emigrated, but only 524 of them came to the Jewish state, infuriating many Israelis.

Water riots in Algeria

ALGIERS, June 26, (AP): A riot erupted in the southern Algerian town of Sidi Aissa Saturday where more than 1,500 people took to the streets to protest recent and extended cuts in water service, the Algerian Press Service reported.

The most recent cut, which lasted several days and extended into the weekend, sent demonstrators out to burn public and private buildings in the small town 200 kilometers (125 miles) south of Algiers.

Several vehicles, including two belonging to the police, were set ablaze, the news agency reported yesterday. It did not indicate whether there had been any injuries during the unrest.

Last April, riots spread throughout Algeria spawned by deteriorating economic conditions and price hikes in the North African country of 25 million.

Syria must quit, US says in policy shift

Nine wounded in Lebanon blast

BEIRUT, June 26, (Agencies): US Assistant Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said in an interview broadcast today that Syria "has to back off" from Lebanon, marking an apparent American policy shift in the long-running Lebanese war.

Also today, police said a bomb went off in a school in the Syrian-occupied mountain town of Dhour Shweir, wounding the school's principal, a teacher and seven schoolchildren. They had no other immediate details.

"The Syrians have to back off," said Eagleburger in an interview with

the Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio conducted by Aziz Raad, the station's Washington correspondent.

"All of the outside parties ought to back off and let the Lebanese make their own judgement about where their future lies. There is too much foreign involvement on all sides," said Eagleburger in the taped interview.

Eagleburger's remarks reversed a statement he made before the American Senate's foreign affairs committee March 16. He had said the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon would worsen the situation in the country because they impose restraint on the warring parties.

The Syrians have 40,000 troops deployed in mainly Muslim areas in Lebanon under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate.

The Syrians, along with Druze Muslim militia allies, have been engaged in bloody fighting with Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun's 20,000 mainly Christian troops since March 8.

The interview was broadcast during Syrian shelling of the coastline north of Beirut, maintaining a blockade of the Christian enclave to prevent military supplies sent by Iraq, Syria's main Arab foe, from reaching Aoun's forces.

A police spokesman said sporadic salvos of 130mm mortar fire hit around the ports of Jounieh and Byblos.

Aoun's artillery retaliated with 155mm howitzer fire on the seaside boulevard of Muslim West Beirut, where several Syrian batteries are deployed.

No casualties were reported. By police count, 373 people have been killed and 1,460 wounded in the 14 weeks of bloodshed.

Eagleburger's interview was aired a day after US Secretary of State James Baker urged Lebanon's leaders to show restraint to avert further bloodshed in Lebanon.

Baker made his appeal in identical letters to acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss and Aoun, who head the rival Muslim and Christian cabinets in Lebanon's dual government.

Aides to both leaders said Baker's letter restated US support for the Arab League efforts to end Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

Eagleburger also said the United States was "very hopeful" of efforts by a three-member Arab Committee on Lebanon made up of King Hassan of Morocco, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

The presidency has become a largely ceremonial post since the Islamic republic's first head of state, the liberal Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, fled into exile in 1981 in a power struggle with revolutionary hardliners.

Since then the prime minister has assumed significant power. The current premier, hardliner Mir Hussein Musavi, has 10 deputy premiers.

The main aim of the committee is to eliminate competing power centres that have caused havoc with Iran's decision-making process.

The constitutional committee is expected to present its recommendations shortly. These will be put to the nation in a referendum July 28, when presidential elections will also be held.

The only declared candidate is Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, one of the driving forces behind the campaign to give the presidency wider powers at the expense of the prime ministry.

If, as expected, the nation endorses the committee's recommendations and elects Rafsanjani, he will consolidate his position as Iran's most powerful political figure.

Rafsanjani, 55, is allied with the incumbent President, Ali Khamenei, who was named Iran's leader after Khomeini died June 3.

He and Rafsanjani, leader of the so-called pragmatists in the Tehran hierarchy, have tightened their grip on power since Rafsanjani died.

They have so far been able to fend off any challenge from radicals led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, Moavi and Khamenei's son, Ahmad, 43.

Most analysts believe that challenge will come in an open power struggle between the factions.

The Afghan government will free rebel prisoners in exchange for Soviet soldiers captured by the mujahedeen, rebel sources said today.

Jalalabad toll 13,000

KABUL, June 26, (Reuters): The Soviet Ambassador to Afghanistan, Yuri Vorontsov, quoted what he described as mujahedeen figures, said today 10,000 rebels and 3,000 soldiers had been killed in fighting for the city of Jalalabad.

Government spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani told reporters 279 soldiers and 622 civilians had died since rebels launched a major assault last March on the eastern city.

The mujahedeen launched the rocket and artillery attack on Jalalabad, considering it a possible seat for an interim government they established last February.

The Afghan government will free rebel prisoners in exchange for Soviet soldiers captured by the mujahedeen, rebel sources said today.

Jordan urged Arab countries yesterday to unite in fighting drug trafficking, saying none were far away from the dangers of narcotics.

"Our Arab community is still in good shape and far off from the edge of the abyss reached by other world nations," Lieutenant-General Abdul-Hadi Al Majali, head of the public security department, told the state-run news agency Petra.

"Some political activists have criticised that law because it does not always distribute representation according to population. Amman, with one-third of the country's population, is due to have only eight of the 72 seats," he said in a statement.



Joy Rosloff, project director of the underwater archaeological discovery of the Phoenician ship, cradles part of the main mast. (Reuters wirephoto)

2,500-year-old ship found

Important discovery

KIBBUTZ MAAGAN MICHAEL, Israel, June 26, (Reuters): Israeli marine archaeologist Elisha Linder was in Sardinia searching for ancient Phoenician ships when a sharp-eyed diver found one in Linder's backyard.

That was how in 1983 the unnamed, sharp-eyed historian, a veteran member of the Maagan Michael kibbutz, came upon the most important discovery of his career and one of the most valuable finds in the study of ancient maritime history.

The fifth century BC sailing ship, 10 metres (33 feet) long and 3.5 metres (10 feet) wide, is the oldest boat of the period ever found intact.

"Call it a miracle, call it good luck, call it a birthday present," said Linder, 64, standing on the beach near where the ship rests under two metres (six feet) of water.

"Finding this ship here at this kibbutz is on the verge of mystical."

The diver who recognised the ship's bell-shaped stones sticking out of the sand about 10 metres (yard) away had been a member of the search team for 10 years.

Linder found it with another member of the kibbutz.

"He knew there were no stones on this beach," said Linder, who raced home from Sardinia when he heard the

news.

Today a team of 12 divers, mainly graduate students in maritime history and marine archaeology, have recovered nearly half of the ship from a sandy grave, and with it an unexpected wealth of information about the seafaring Phoenicians.

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Kuwait - Moscow military co-operation advancing: Zverev Armitage pieces to go on show

KUWAIT, June 26, (KUNA): The Soviet ambassador here was today quoted as praising the progress of relations with Kuwait, particularly in the military field, and indicated that pieces from the Armitage Museum would be exhibited here next year.

The envoy, Ernest Zverev said, in an interview with a local daily, that relations with Kuwait are continuously improving in all

fields and reached the level of undertaking joint projects.

He indicated that a programme in the sports, cultural and information fields is under study and announced that a three-year agreement on cultural exchange would be concluded within the coming few days.

Increase
Fruitful co-operation between Moscow and Kuwait in the

military field is advancing satisfactorily, the Soviet diplomat noted, expressing confidence that bilateral co-operation would steadily increase over the time.

On the Iraq-Iran war, the Soviet envoy deplored the lack of progress to fully implement Security Council Resolution 598 for reinstatement of permanent and solid peace in the region and pledged Moscow's contribution

to this end and her support to efforts by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

He hoped that bolstering of Soviet-Iranian ties, reached during last week's visit to Moscow by Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, would help stabilise conditions in the region.

Ambassador Zverev said because of its 2,500 kilometre-long common borders with Iran, the Soviet Union is interested in

maintaining good relations and stabilising conditions in the Arab Gulf region.

Plan

Asked about Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir's plan for local elections in the occupied Arab lands, the Soviet envoy criticized the plan as ambiguous and impractical in several of its points.

He gave qualified support to a clearer plan if it is part of a

political process aimed at reaching comprehensive, durable and final peace in the Middle East that will ensure Palestinian rights of self-determination and statehood.

"But if the election proposal."

Zverev said, "is offered with the purpose of maintaining the present status quo or to stall the process of a settlement, we frankly say it is unacceptable from the start."

THE undersecretary at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammad Naser Al Hamdan has denied any attempt by the ministry to request the deportation of some expat pilgrims on charges of misconduct during the haj season.

He told a local daily that the ministry, however, might bring this matter to the notice of the relevant authorities in the country.

He said that the ministry's punitive measures against owners and organisers of haj caravans who violated the ministry's codes could involve the withdrawal of their licences and confiscation of insurance amounts.

He added that studies were currently under way at the ministry to optimise the performance and services rendered to hajis registered with official Kuwaiti haj caravans.

Council system being reconsidered

Farwaniya governor requests vigilance

TO FACILITATE the majority of citizens being involved in running public services at the governorates, the system of councils of governors and their authority is being reconsidered, according to the instructions of HH the Amir.

The formation of these councils according to the directives will be provided with independent budgets, the Governor of Farwaniya Sheikh Ahmad Al Humoud Al Sabah has said.

He added that the councils of governors could enhance their contributions if they are provided with more authority and receive co-operation and assistance from ministries. Councils referred projects and demands to relevant ministries to take appropriate action, which resulted in delays. Consequently citizens did not appreciate the efforts of these councils, he said.

He added that the Farwaniya Council will be set up after organising the modalities of the

present councils in other governorates.

Humoud said that there is no need to establish a command for patrols at Farwaniya Governorate as in some other governorates. The command of patrols can be replaced by supporting the police centres by providing them with required vehicles and equipment as well as personnel.

Campaigns

He denied that bachelors in Farwaniya Governorate are considered a security problem and added that the bachelor housing areas are covered by security men and the crime rate there has been considerably reduced.

Continuous inspection campaign in these areas and deportation of persons who violate the law of residence have reduced the numbers of people who are not wanted at Farwaniya Governorate, he said.

Security men conduct surprise

inspection campaigns in all industrial and commercial areas as well as bachelor areas in co-operation with inspectors of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. The governorate has regular patrols in Farwaniya which has large commercial complexes, branches of large companies and banks that require stringent security.

Sheikh Humoud appealed to owners of shops and establishments in Farwaniya to take all required precautions to protect their shops and offices from theft. Statistics indicated that most thefts committed in the area are the result of weak security procedures and precautions taken by owners. "We cannot place a policeman at every shop or house, but people can help in reducing the average of crimes by taking precautions at their shops and houses," he said.

The official called for reconsidering the promotion scale of policemen and to increase allowances as well as rewarding outstanding policemen who significantly contribute to the service of the country.

IA fare hike NRIs may be faced with higher travel costs

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

THE proposed 30 per cent air fare hike by Indian Airlines (IA) on the domestic sector would substantially raise travel costs for non-resident Indians.

Of the 100,000 in Kuwait more than 70,000 Indians travel to India each year. An estimated number of 40,000 to 45,000 people take domestic connection from Bombay or Delhi to reach their destination.

If NRIs buy tickets in Kuwait, they would have to pay the equivalent in Kuwaiti dinars or US dollars.

Those going to such gateway points as Bombay, Delhi, Trivandrum, Madras and Goa, served by direct flights, won't be affected.

Air travellers say India's recent decision to hike the airport tax to Rs300 (about KD5.500) per person has already placed an extra burden on them. A hike in fares on the domestic sector would be an extra financial burden.

India's domestic carrier has asked for the fare hike to cope with IA's modernisation plan and higher wage bill.

IA has asked for a hike of between 20 and 30 per cent, IA Public Relations Manager A.K. Sivanandan told the Arab Times.

Proposal

In a telephone interview, Sivanandan said the government is studying the proposal and chances of acceptance are high.

However, he denied reports of approval. A section of the Indian press had reported that a 20 per cent hike was approved by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

IA has plans to modernise its fleet and acquire 19 A320s, beginning this year, and a further 12 aircraft by 1992. Other proposed improvements include computerised bookings and improved services.

Traffic

Airlines passenger traffic in India has been growing at a brisk rate of about 11 per cent annually. But the airline did not augment its fleet of 11 Airbus, 27 Boeing 737s and eight Avros.

At present, IA's annual passenger traffic amounts to 10.37 million, with an estimated increase of 23 per cent by 1990. Its annual revenue of Rs10 billion (Rs1,000 crores), would rise substantially after the fare hike.

IA has come in for criticism for shoddy performance, delays and erratic bookings; detractors say it has no standby aircraft, it cuts corners on maintenance schedules. In 1987, each Boeing 737 flew for 3,185 hours, a big jump from 2,652 hours in 1984. The world average is about 2,700 hours.

Sivanandan claims delays have been eliminated and 75 per cent of IA flights stick to scheduled timetables.

Experienced travellers say it is a nightmare taking a domestic flight in India, particularly due to random offloading at the airport and lengthy delays.

Encyclopaedia released

THE undersecretary at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammad Naser Al Hamdan said that the ministry has released the 17th edition of the Fiqh Encyclopaedia, expected to be completed in 1990.

He told KUNA that the encyclopaedia compilation project aims at presenting a full account of the Islamic Fiqh in a simplified style, detailing the various Fiqh disciplines to support Islamic provisions with texts and authenticated evidence.

Volumes

The released edition contains 380 pages covering 79 different Fiqh research subjects in various venues, social, financial and others stating punitive measures as seen under Islamic perspective.

The encyclopaedia would be a convenient reference material to researchers, scholars, judges and others on scientific and legislative Islamic Fiqh matters, Hamdan said.

Ministry of Awqaf

Deportation denied

THE undersecretary at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammad Naser Al Hamdan has denied any attempt by the ministry to request the deportation of some expat pilgrims on charges of misconduct during the haj season.

He told a local daily that the ministry, however, might bring this matter to the notice of the relevant authorities in the country.

He said that the ministry's punitive measures against owners and organisers of haj caravans who violated the ministry's codes could involve the withdrawal of their licences and confiscation of insurance amounts.

He added that studies were currently under way at the ministry to optimise the performance and services rendered to hajis registered with official Kuwaiti haj caravans.



Filipino cassette launched

'Saun ka pa Kabayan' is the title of the first audio-cassette launched by the Filipinos in Kuwait. The cassette features songs by some of the best-known singers in Kuwait. It was launched at the Kabayan Restaurant, which celebrated its first anniversary last week. Picture shows Philippines Ambassador-designate Fortunato Obiena launching the cassette as Rory and guests look on. (Photo by Javed Basra)

Social affairs donates to charities

Programmes at vocational centres

AN AMOUNT of about KD 200,000 has been paid by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour during the first quarter of 1989 to facilitate local charity societies to participate in external conferences and meetings. Additionally, the ministry also paid for 98 air tickets to representatives of these societies to attend the meetings abroad.

A total of 27 societies benefitted from these donations, the major being given to the Lawyers Society which received KD 36,000 as financial rewards to persons who organised the Arab Lawyers Conference held in Kuwait in 1987.

An official source at the ministry has said that the basic concern of the ministry is to manage the affairs of citizens and provide them with all necessary services.

The source told a local daily that the services rendered by the ministry to citizens fall in line with the plans and programmes developed by other ministries for the purpose of preparing citizens to be active and constructive members in the social structure at the health, social and educational levels.

The source added that the vocational rehabilitation centre of the Handicapped Department at the ministry provided training programmes for all types

Education control

THE assistant undersecretary for General Education at the Ministry of Education Saud Al Rifai has said that the ministry has assigned 24 departments and controls to form internal committees for the purpose of proposing plans for follow-up and implementation during the coming academic year, each within the purview of its specialisation.

She said that the committees would embark on the assigned tasks during the summer recess and would co-ordinate and co-operate mutually in connection with shared functions, while reports on the outcome of their work would be submitted to the undersecretary's office.

Rifai added that the committees were expected to submit three reports, the first in mid June 1989, the second in mid July and the third in late September, which would cover the works, deliberations, preparations, recommendations and possible solutions for speedy actions.

Six months to close down

THE Municipal Affairs Committee of Kuwait Municipality has agreed in a recent meeting to grant shops in residential areas a final period of six months to close down. This decision applies to shops that have opened on exceptional conditions in residential areas. The committee asked the municipality to take pledges from owners of these shops to close down their shops at the end of the period.

The committee had in a previous decision in 1988, granted owners of shops in model residential areas a period of one year, ending on Oct 30, 1989, to close down their shops. The committee asked the municipality not to grant new licences in those areas.

The committee also decided that the municipality cleaning department will continue to supervise public WC's outside Kuwait City until proper contracts are signed with the cleaning companies.

Medical exhibition

KUWAIT, June 26, (KUNA): Kuwait International Fair Company will hold the third medical exhibition November 26-29 at Mishrif exhibition grounds.

A number of local and foreign establishments specialised in manufacture of medical tools and equipment, including Bulgaria, Poland, Switzerland and Hungary will participate in that exhibition.

The exhibition, to be inaugurated by Kuwait Health Minister Dr Abdel Razzaq Al Abdel Razzaq, will occupy larger space than in the previous years.

A NUMBER of Arab Gulf economic experts have called for adopting radical changes in the foreign trade fabric of the Arab Gulf countries to enhance performance of the industrial sector.

They were in agreement that the Arab Gulf economic structures was impeding industrialisation trends.

The experts in their study said that the Arab Gulf countries spent about a third of revenues on importing food stuff. They added that the current trade exchange conditions were not in favour of the Gulf countries. They added that the need for food stuff is not commensurate with the increase in the national revenues.

The study called for varying of non-oil industries, hinting that in Bahrain for example non-oil industries were centred on aluminium industry. The study said that linking of the Bahraini dinar with the US dollar is not commensurate with the country's foreign trade structure. Such a linkage is detrimental to the national economy particularly during the fiscal year 1986/1987.

Devaluation of the US dollar during the said year

had resulted in a deficit to the Bahraini balance of trade.

They added that the current foreign exchange rates applied in Bahrain had adverse effects on non-oil industries. These rates had increased investment costs particularly when the dollar was devalued at 12.2 per cent in 1986.

The study said that foreign trade was playing an important role in the development process. However, it represents a double edged sword as it contributes to technology transfer process on the one hand and on the other plays a negative role towards dumping on the national markets with foreign goods.

So as to let foreign trade continue its role in industrial development, experts called for a change in the expenditure policy, suggesting that expenditure should be concentrated on the productive and capital industries. They also called for setting up the necessary procedures aimed at encouraging investments in addition to adopting the necessary plan for obtaining locally produced food in order to minimise imports.

Saudis ask for repatriation of investments

By Mahmoud Abdeen

THE chairman of the Saudi Chamber of Commerce Saad Mohammad Al Mojtahed said that international economic developments have proven beyond doubt the need to repatriate all Arab capital invested abroad.

He told Syyasat in an interview that the unification of economic systems, removal of existing barriers, support of safety, stability and freedom of circulation of funds within the Arab markets were all important steps towards successful repatriation of Arab capitals invested abroad.

Encouragement

The Saudi government is now all the more inclined to encourage the activities of the private sector through assigning private investors and companies a leading role in the national development process and providing all necessary support, the official said.

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Carmel School results

CARMEL SCHOOL students have excelled in the All India Secondary Examination held in March 1989 and the passing rate is 100 per cent.

Reena Mary Mathew topped the list with an aggregate of 89 per cent while Sadia Saba was second with 88 per cent. The third place was shared by Shrengouri Chickermane and Faiza Hafiz with 87.2 per cent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier's audience

KUWAIT, June 26. (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received in audience today Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber and members of the Higher Housing Council Khaled Al Essa Al Saleh.

HH also received Kuwait's Ambassador to the US Sheikh Saud Nasser Al Sabah and Secretary General of the Higher Planning-Council Fouad Mulla Hussein.

Sheikh Saad also received a number of citizens at the public diwan.

Farm relief

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has agreed that owners who had their farms removed due to legal reasons at Al Wafra and Al Abdali areas should be granted new licences.

In an interview with the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), the Assistant Undersecretary for State Domains Affairs at Kuwait Ministry of Finance Abdul Hameed Hussain was quoted as saying that HH the Crown Prince had agreed to the recommendations submitted by the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources and the State Domains Department, provided that owners paid 100 fils for each metre to be allocated to them.

He disclosed that Sheikh Saad had stressed the importance of removing all infringements against state domains. The Premier had previously requested the authorities to study violations committed by some farmers at Al Wafra and Al Abdali in order to take necessary decisions in this respect. The removal of some farms was in accordance with a decision adopted by the cabinet last December.

Soviet minister

KUWAIT, June 26. (KUNA): Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi today received at his office Soviet Deputy Minister for Foreign Economic Affairs Mordvinov.

Vinov who arrived here Thursday is heading his country's delegation to the Kuwaiti-Soviet Joint Committee for Economic Co-operation.

A reliable source at the Foreign Ministry told KUNA that discussions during the meeting centred on bilateral relations between both countries.

The source said that both sides praised the progress of Kuwait-Soviet relations especially in the political and economic domains.

Saudi wildlife

RIYADH, June 26. (Reuter): Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal will switch from world affairs to domestic protection of wildlife at a two-day symposium, a newspaper reported today.

The Arab News quoted Abdulla Zaini, Secretary General of the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development as saying the symposium would map out plans to establish more wildlife reserves.

The symposium, opening in Riyadh tomorrow, would cover the urgent need to protect Saudi wildlife, he said.

Discussions would cover the Arabian ostrich, hunted to extinction by the '50s, and endangered species including gazelles, hyenas and mountain goats.

Exam committee

MINISTER of Education Anwar Abdulla Al Nouri has issued a decision forming an ad-hoc committee to reconsider the existing exam system for various educational levels and recommend a new approach to keep pace with the ministry's ongoing development work policy before the end of next December.

The committee will be headed by the director of Hawalli Educational Area Abdulla Al Rujab and will be concerned with analysing the existing exam system in the light of application, changes and projected problems, revising enforced regulations to sidestep current inefficiencies and negatives and be in agreement with the projected development plans.

The committee will be entertaining views from well-known educationalists, professors and senior government officials.

Promotions

THE Ministry of Education has reportedly refused to utilize 2,000 grades granted by the Civil Service Commission for promoting employees by merit, as there are no employees at the ministry qualified for such promotion.

Meanwhile, the ministry has promoted 2,682 teachers and regular ministry employees, amidst mounting concern by other ministry staff triggered by the ministry's decline to go ahead with promoting deserving employees, alluding to possible favouritism influencing the whole process.

Interior transfers

KUWAIT'S Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah has issued a decision appointing Col Ahmed Al Rujab as security director of the Capital Governorate, Fahed Jassar as Director of Computer Centre, Col Fahed Khaled Al Muckled as Director of Public Relations Department in addition to Col Salman Abdulla being transferred to the Ministry's Diwan.



Amir receives Senegalese minister

HH the Amir yesterday received in audience Senegalese Foreign Minister Ibrahima Fall who delivered a message to HH from President Abdou Diouf.

Present at the audience were State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohamed Al Osaimi, Kuwait's ambassador to Dakar and the Senegalese Charge D'Affaires in Kuwait.

Kuwaitisation policy inadequate: official

TIME is the essence that should be considered in the policy towards Kuwaitisation of staff in the public sector and despite the increased percentage of Kuwaiti staff to non-Kuwaitis, this percentage is not adequate to the Kuwaitisation policy.

The replacement of non-Kuwaitis by Kuwaiti citizens should be made according to security, economic and social requirements of the state, according to the director general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Abdellah Rahman Al Mihailan.

The official said that government policy should also be recon-

sidered in attracting Kuwaiti qualifications and called on relevant authorities to seriously view the low percentage of Kuwaitis in the private sector. He denied claims that Kuwaitis are not productive. Productivity is a relative question and can be continuously increased if there is strict follow up policy," he said.

Continuing, he said that Kuwaiti qualified servants encounter problems from old Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti servants as the latter believed they are to be replaced. He advocated that senior officials should provide more chances to Kuwaitis to occupy posts they deserve.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Kuwait Graduates Society Abdulla Al Taweeq said that the state has not yet adopted a clear programme to Kuwaitise the government sector. This policy still faces many problems which is reflected in the dependence on foreign manpower as well as the absence of planning for actual needs of the country's manpower. He added that non-productivity of some Kuwaiti servants is referred to the routine of employment at the public sector. Placing employees in wrong places also reduces their productivity, he said.

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In a statement at the end of the session, Shirawi said the minister entrusted the GCC general secretariat with preparing the special basis of a general strategy for organising and controlling civil aviation in the member states.

The ministers also took note of co-operation and co-operation between the national air carriers in fields of insurance and catering, Shirawi said.

During interrogation, the two men admitted they were smuggling liquor into Kuwait in exchange for electronic appliances which they smuggled into Iraq.

Arabs produce 88 per cent of world date exports

IRAQ has the largest number of palm trees followed by Iran, Algeria and Saudi Arabia.

There are 22 million palm trees in Iraq and seven million in Saudi Arabia, according to Mohammed Sabri of the Saudi Arabian Food and Agricultural Output Department.

World export of dates amounted to 356,256 metric tons and Arab exports constituted about 88 per cent of the world exports. Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia are the major Asian exporters, while in Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia were the most important countries.

The UAE produced about 50,000 tons per year valued at UAE's Dirham 75 million. This quantity constituted about 81 per cent of UAE's fruit output. Land allocated for palm cultivation in the UAE amounted to about 71,400 hectares with about five million trees.

Bahrain produced about 12,000 tons of dates per annum. The state has established a date processing plant and dried about 1,500 tons per year for consumption during winter.

In Kuwait, palm trees are relatively few due to the nature of the soil. There are, however, about 58,000 trees in Kuwait and dates are imported from Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Oman has about one million palm trees with about 200 varieties available in different areas of the country.

Saudi Arabia produces about 500,000 tons of dates. Most of it is donated to World Food Programme. There are about 400 types of palm trees in Saudi Arabia.

20 new schools to open

DIRECTOR of the Co-ordination and Follow Up Department at the Ministry of Education, Sheikha Al Mussalim said that 20 new schools will open in the next academic year. She added that 9 of the schools will be in

Emirates abrogate guarantees

A MINISTERIAL committee for the development of resources for the budget in UAE has agreed to abrogate obtaining of banking guarantees from local companies, establishments and individuals against the employment of expatriate workers.

This guarantee was being obtained to ensure these companies return expatriate workers to their countries after ending their work.

State Minister for Financial and Industrial Affairs, Ahmad Al Tayar said that the cancellation of the guarantee resulted from the application of the new labour law in the country. He said that the aim of the banking guarantees has now been achieved by the new labour law and its cancellation is intended to reduce the administrative burdens and other financial commitments on these companies.

Meanwhile the committee discussed imposing new charges on some civil aviation services. The proposed new charges include licences for maintenance engineers and certificates for the condition of planes.

Romanian visit

A delegation representing newspapers and travel agencies returned to Kuwait Sunday after a week's visit to Romania.

The delegation comprising Peter D'Souza (Arab Times), Futoh Sulaiman Al Jassim (KUNA), Ijaz Ahmed Khan (Al Athla Travels), Absar Ahmed Siddiqui (Oman Travel Bureau), Muna Khorcheed, Munther Khorcheed, Akram Beirut, Elena Beirut.

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100 arrested for loitering

Parking on pavements banned

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A DRIVE launched by the Farwaniya police during the period June 19 through 25 resulted in the arrest of 100 young men.

An official security spokesman said that 29 of these youths were arrested in the Firdous area while the remainder were arrested in Khetian. The parents of these youths were called to submit written pledges to ensure the

future good conduct of their sons.

The drive resulted from directives issued by Farwaniya governor, Sheikh Ahmad Al Homoud who ordered the police force to patrol the governorate areas late in the night and arrest young men who needlessly roam around and disturb the public. Young men who were found loitering late at

night without a logical explanation, were apprehended. This drive came after the residents complained of the misbehaviour of several young men particularly at night.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Governor, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem issued a decision today banning all cars from parking on pedestrian pavements, in all the govern-

norate areas. The decision warned the public against violating the decision adding that violators will be liable to be jailed for a maximum period of 15 days and a fine not exceeding KD25 in accordance with article 35 of the traffic law. The decision described parking cars on pedestrian pavements as an uncivilised phenomenon.

General strategy for GCC aviation

RIYADH, June 26. (KUNA): Ministers in charge of civil aviation in the Gulf Co-operation Council states concluded today their fifth session, opened at the GCC general secretariat here yesterday.

The two-day session was held under the chairmanship of Bahrain's Development and Industry Minister Yousef Al Shirawi, who stated that the meeting had reviewed several issues related to co-operation among the six GCC member states in the civil aviation field.

The incident began when a police officer in Abdali heard someone in a car asking for help. He rushed to the scene and saw two men running away. He chased them and later arrested them before they crossed the border to Iraq. The farm workers told the police that the men were trying to take the owner's car at gun point.

During interrogation, the two men admitted they were smuggling liquor into Kuwait in exchange for electronic appliances which they smuggled into Iraq.



Cultural meeting

Chairman of the National Council for Culture Arts and Letters Dr Farouq Al Omar received yesterday at his office Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Germany, Dr Kurt Merkel.

From the courts

Liquor smugglers arrested

THE Criminal Court sentenced two men to three-and-a-half years each to be followed by deportation for smuggling liquor from Iraq to Kuwait in Abdali area.

The court was told that the man had illicit relations with a teenager and had made love to her at least twice. The court was further told that the girl's father one night noticed that she was not in bed after midnight and waited for her return. On querying her of her whereabouts, she confessed to being with the accused. The father then notified the police.

On interrogation, the girl confessed that she had an affair with the man and said that the man had agreed to marry her. The father supported the girl's statement.

Teenage sex

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UK actively promoting Mideast peace: Rayes

KUWAIT, June 26. (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to Britain Ghazi Rayes described the British role in finding a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict as active due to Britain's important role inside the European group and its relations with the United States.

The Kuwaiti diplomat added in an interview with a local daily, that the British are active in finding a solution to the Palestinian cause and there is an understanding toward the efforts exerted to solve the

Lebanese crisis.

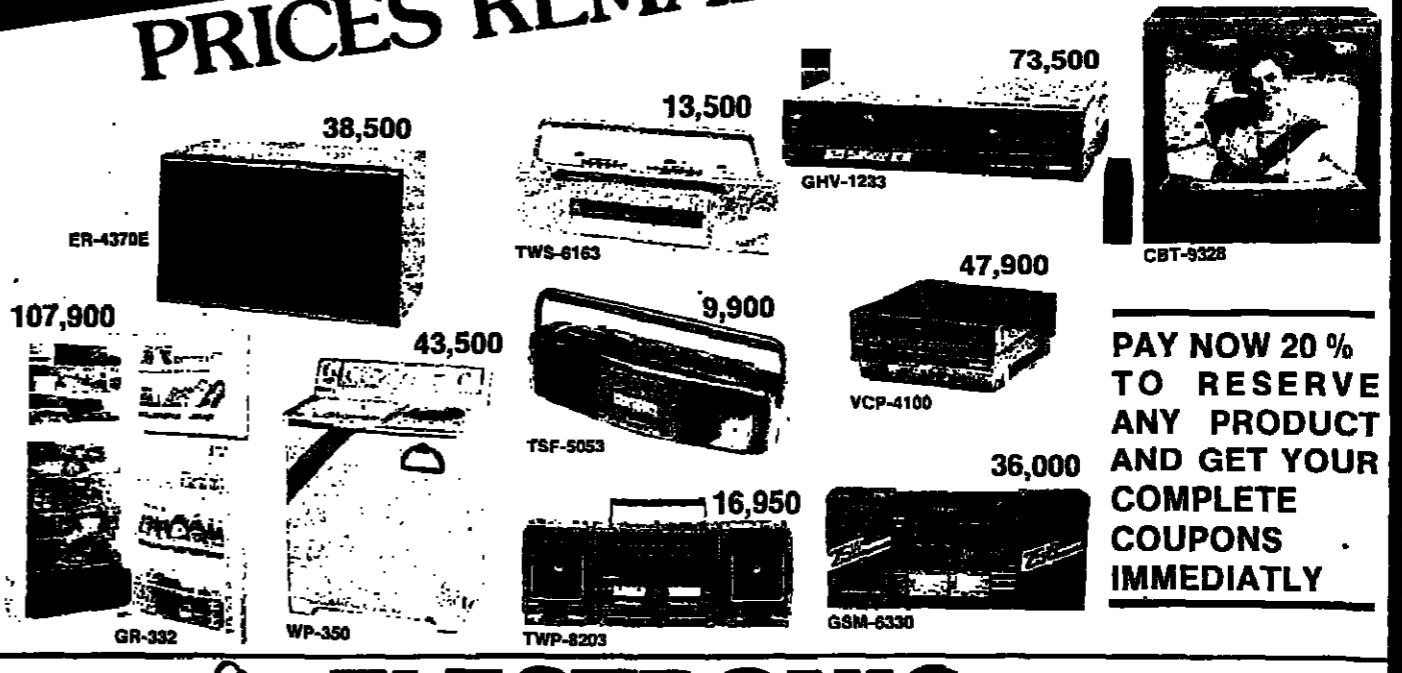
Rayes said that there is a positive change in the Western states' stance toward the Palestinian question.

On the Arab media role outside the Arab world, the Kuwaiti ambassador criticised the Arab media as being directed to the Arabs only, saying it should target the West "to make them understand our just causes."



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OPINION

Mercenaries beware

THE Lebanese people have made known their true feelings and it has become evidently clear that these feelings are against the presence of invading foreign troops in Lebanon — whatever their source or origin.

These troops are engaged in smuggling and destruction.

The Lebanese people — whether Muslims or Christians along with all political forces in Lebanon have revealed their true feelings. They have made obviously clear their desire to see foreign troops leave Lebanon and let the Lebanese people themselves solve their problems and end the civil war and other forms of bloodshed and political violence.

Any reason or pretext under any cover or slogan to remain in Lebanon, is certainly a funny pretext. Patriotism is not capturing other lands, particularly when its people are unarmed. True patriotism is in fighting against the Israeli presence and occupation in the Arab lands. It has become clear enough that the Arab people hate those who speak of patriotism and by deed practise treason and are happy about doing so, as if they are not Arabs.

The Arabs have hated this type of fake feelings and now want Lebanon free and independent to stop more bloodshed. It's high time these politicians think seriously about their deeds either towards their own people or the people of the Arab world.

The most dangerous thing today is that some Lebanese sections are keeping silent over what they want for the benefit of their country, either because of fear or any other reason. The danger will be there, whether by facing and confronting the foreign presence or by dealing and conceding to them. These sections dealing with the foreigners in Lebanon will also remain suspect to those who employ them. Those who sell their national feelings will remain doubtful to those who use them for purposes against their own country. In the eyes of the foreigners, people who are ready to sell their national feelings are certainly unstable people and with the least doubt, they will be liquidated at the very hands of the foreigners.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Mending fences in southern Africa

Improved political climate

By Greg Myre

LAST year southern Africa was ablaze with wars in Angola, Mozambique and Namibia that all seemed to defy a solution. Today, Namibia is on the road to independence, Angola has a ceasefire, and there are moves to begin peace talks in Mozambique.

Each conflict has been fuelled by separate forces, but a common ingredient for the improved regional climate has been South Africa's campaign to mend relations with its long-hostile neighbours in black Africa. Since last August, South Africa has:

— Withdrawn its troops from Angola, where they fought intermittently since 1975 alongside the rebels of UNITA — the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola. The rebels and the Marxist Angolan government reached a ceasefire agreement this week that took effect on Saturday.

— Begun implementing a UN-supervised independence plan in Namibia, the territory South Africa has rules for 74 years.

— Held a series of top-level meetings with Mozambique and offered financial assistance to help repair the country's war-devastated economy.

— Black-ruled nations remain sceptical of South Africa, saying the country's apartheid policies at home and destabilisation campaign abroad were the original causes of the regional turmoil.

But there has been a sharp reversal in the political tides since the middle of 1988, a time when conflicts dating to the 1960s and 1970s appeared ready to escalate yet again.

“Those who were part of the problem yesterday are now part of the solution,” Mozambican President Joaquin Chissano said on Friday night after returning from the 20-nation African summit in Zaire where the Angolan ceasefire was announced.

“To make myself clear, I don't think the South Africans will go back on their word” in Angola or Namibia, Chissano was quoted as saying by the national news agency aim.

In May 1988, the heaviest fighting in the Angolan war was reported around the southeastern city of Cuito Cuanavale. Angolan government troops, backed by Cuban soldiers, fought combined UNITA-South African forces to an apparent standstill.

(AP Johannesburg)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1697 — Elector Augustus of Saxony is named King of Poland, succeeding John III.
- 1795 — British forces land at Quiberon to aid revolt in Brittany.
- 1801 — Cairo surrenders to a British force.
- 1857 — Massacre of Kanpur, India, where British soldiers and male residents are executed after promise of safe conduct by Indian freedom fighters.
- 1858 — China signs treaty with France, opening China to further commerce with the West.
- 1877 — Russian forces cross Danube River in war against Turkey.
- 1929 — Kemal Ataturk suppresses communist propaganda in Turkey.
- 1932 — A constitution is proclaimed in Siam (Thailand).
- 1940 — Soviet Union invades Romania during World War II after King Carol refused to cede Besarabia and Bucovina.
- 1943 — US bombers attack German-occupied city of Athens, Greece in World War II.
- 1944 — Allied forces take Cherbourg, France, in World War II.
- 1944 — Foreign ministers of Britain, United States, Soviet Union and France transfer Dodecanese islands from Italy to Greece, and areas of Northern Italy to France.
- 1950 — UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie urges members of United Nations to assist South Korea in repelling North Korea attacks; US President Harry S. Truman orders Air Force and Navy into Korean conflict.
- 1972 — Northern Ireland enjoys first day of peace in almost three years as Irish Republican Army begins ceasefire.
- 1988 — Pope John Paul II, on Austria visit, gives warm greetings to President Kurt Waldheim, under attack for alleged complicity in Nazi war crimes.

By Michael Gelb

FOR George Bush, the bloody repression China has provided a painful lesson in the limits of friendship and personal relations in foreign policy, has been rebuffed repeatedly by his old friends in his appeals for conciliation in China.

Officials close to Bush say his feelings for China have added an extra burden as he strives to balance US outrage over the executions of pro-democracy demonstrators with a desire to maintain an important strategic relationship.

In his mind there is a separate section for China and the Chinese people and that exacerbates his disappointment with the actions of the leadership, "one senior aide said privately.

The President's visit to Beijing in February, a virtual lovefest, now seems like the last dance of a doomed romance.

He shook hands with passersby in Tiananmen Square, where less than four months later hundreds, perhaps thousands of student and other demonstrators were slain by the Chinese Army. He toasted senior leader Deng Xiaoping, who was to support the crackdown, as "among the pre-eminent statesmen of our time." Bush enthused over "an openness in China I never would have predicted."

During that trip, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater made much of the President's "personal friendship" with Deng and Premier Li Peng, who also emerged as a hardliner when the crackdown came. Fitzwater told reporters China was the one country exempt from a string of foreign policy reviews Bush had ordered.

"We know where we stand with China ... it stands apart as a country that has a very firm foundation in terms of how President Bush relates to it," the spokesman said in February.

Even when the Chinese barred political dissident Fang Lizhi from attending a dinner hosted by Bush as an invited

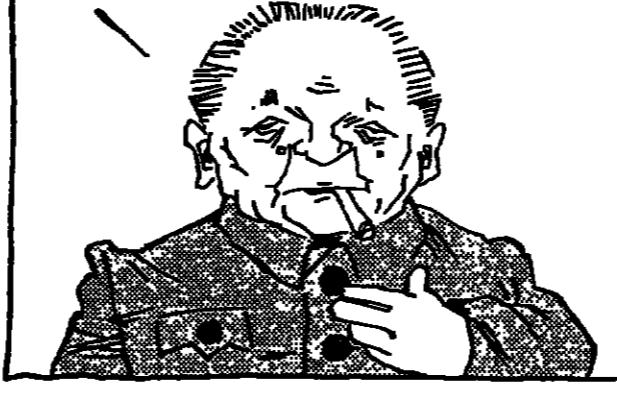
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guest, the President accepted the rebuke without public fuss rather than end the visit of a confrontational note.

Fang and his wife, Li Shuxian, are now seceded in the US embassy in Beijing to

avoid arrest. China has angrily accused Washington of meddling in its internal affairs.

At a June 8 news conference, Bush expressed "a certain sense of personal

disappointment" at events in China and it has clearly been painful for him to react.

He imposed some sanctions in response to the bloody repression, suspend-

By Colin McIntyre

AS reformist Hungary moves swiftly to exercise the ghosts of its past, other communist governments are coming under increasing pressure to follow its example.

Throughout Eastern Europe millions of victims of Stalinist purges and show trials are being rehabilitated, but there are still some spirits of the past regarded as best left undisturbed.

Hungary's decision earlier this month to rehabilitate the executed leader of the 1956 uprising, Imre Nagy, marked a symbolic break with the Stalinist past by a country moving towards a future in which the communists could end up sharing power, or even losing it.

The government dissociates itself from the erroneous and often sinful political decisions of the past, the retaliatory measures taken after 1956, and expresses its determination to put an end to this trying period," it said in a statement.

As the Soviet Union's communist youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda put it this month: "the process of

considering the events of 1956 has deep political significance."

This significance is not lost on some of Hungary's more conservative neighbours, who have expressed deep concern over Hungary's action and its implications for the Communist bloc.

"The legitimacy of the communist regimes in East Europe is rooted in the past 40 years," a Western diplomat based in East Europe said. "If you start questioning that past, you end up questioning the legitimacy."

Thus Czechoslovakia's ageing leadership installed on the heels of the Soviet-led invasion in 1968 still clings to the thesis that the "Prague spring" reform movement it crushed was a counter-revolution, the most heinous crime in the communist lexicon.

Revise

"They can't afford to revise the past because they are a product of it," said former Czechoslovak official Eduard Goldstuecker, now living in Britain. "They are sitting on a branch which Nagy's rehabilitation is cutting off."

Goldstuecker said it was no accident

that the most outspoken criticism of Nagy's rehabilitation had come from Prague. "They are the ones who are most worried," he added.

Czechoslovak ideologist Jan Fojtik warned: "experiences from 1968 urge us not to yield to illusions, under the banner of regeneration of socialism there are, in many cases, also socialism's opponents, the counter-revolutionary forces."

In East Germany, Western diplomats said the leadership was also deeply concerned by the reappraisal of history going on around them, particularly moves to deflate Stalin.

As East Germany was a product of the Stalin era, and most of its leaders rose to power during that period, too much questioning of his deeds would inevitably cast an unfavourable light on East Berlin, the diplomats added.

Key events of the past are not being reassessed in public in East Germany, although Communist party sources said there was an internal debate going on.

The Berlin Wall, built in 1961 to stem the flow of East Germans to West Berlin, is still depicted as a defence against

attacks on the Communist state from the West.

Another major skeleton in the east German cupboard, the 1953 workers' uprising quashed by Soviet tanks, is still described as an attempt at counter-revolution organised by Western agents.

In an appeal this month for rehabilitation of the 20 demonstrators killed during the riots and the three executed afterwards, veterans of the uprising now living in the West declared:

"The Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary have shown that real perestroika (restructuring) begins with the clearing up of serious human rights violations."

The Soviet Union earlier this year ordered the mass rehabilitation of millions of Stalin purges victims, many of them sentenced at court hearings lasting less than a minute.

Many of the most prominent purge victims had already been rehabilitated, largely posthumously, under the rule of Nikita Khrushchev in the 1950s, and when Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985."

The communist youth paper Kom-

somolskaya Pravda went as far as calling for an assessment of the role of the Soviet government in the repression of the 1956 Hungarian uprising.

But as an indication that the revising of Soviet history still has limits, it said Nagy's short-lived multi-party government was incapable of ruling and led to chaos.

Blank spots remain in the official Soviet past, such as the fate of German and Polish citizens killed by Stalin, and the massacre of thousands of Polish officers at Katyn Forest near the Soviet city of Smolensk.

The Polish government has said it has evidence suggesting they were killed by the Soviet security police, and not by the Nazis as Moscow has always insisted.

Charging that someone was trying to cover up, Warsaw University's governing body said this month: "The point is to create a cover and excuse for all those who for nearly half a century have tried to falsify the truth about Katyn, thus becoming supporters of the terrible crime."

(Reuter — Vienna)

Argentine poor look to Menem

By Alberto Arevalos

A TRAMP searches for food in a trash can on one of Buenos Aires' most elegant avenues — a piece of bread, a sip of lemonade in a plastic cup and a lump of melted ice cream is all he will have for dinner.

Indifferent passers-by pay little attention to a scene that long ago would have been unthinkable.

According to official figures some nine million people live in poverty in Argentina, a country once called the bread basket of the world.

A rash of supermarket and store looting last month brought to public attention the plight of thousands of families forced to choose between starving or starving.

Fifteen people died and dozens were injured in food riots. Hundreds were arrested, many of them from the poor shantytowns that skirt the country's main cities.

President-elect Carlos Menem, who led the populist Peronist movement to a decisive victory over the ruling radicals in elections in May and is set to take office on July 8 and introduce a far-reaching programme to inject new life into the ailing economy.

Argentina was a global power at the beginning of the century, the principal supplier of grain to Europe and the second biggest exporter of beef.

After World War II, Argentina donated 40,000 tonnes of wheat to Spain. But today the country is feeding hundreds of thousands of its own people through soup kitchens and official food distribution programmes.

Growing unemployment and inflation — forecast at 100 per cent in June alone — have driven thousands of people to a state of hunger never before seen here.

"In the past, if you lost your job, neighbours would help you with food until you found a new source of income. There was always an abundance of food. But now even neighbours have run out of it," a taxi driver said.

Antonio Cafiero, governor of Buenos Aires province, where a third of the population lives, said there were thousands of free soup kitchens where tens of thousands of poor people ate every day.

"It is sad to admit it, but this is Argentina. I don't want my country to become an enormous soup kitchen," he said.

In Buenos Aires, which residents boast is the most sophisticated and cosmopolitan city in Latin America, groups of children enter restaurants to beg for leftovers.

Luxurious fur and leather goods adorn fancy shop windows along Florida street, while the poor curl up to sleep in doorways, seeking refuge from the chill night breeze.

Beggars, street actors, magicians, conjurers and vendors struggle to scrape together a few coins to buy food.

Menem supporters said infectious diseases and malnutrition have spread at an alarming rate in recent months.

The wave of supermarket looting prompted national and provincial authorities to distribute free food, but officials have said the handouts cannot go on forever.

High-carbohydrate, low-protein foods like wheat and maize flour, rice and noodles make up the menu for the poor.

(Reuter, Buenos Aires)

Bush rewards fat-cat contributors

US ambassadorships for sale?

By Jim Anderson

LIKE the executive in the movie "Network", Senator Paul Sarbanes (Democrat-Maryland), said he was not going to be it anymore.

With other members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee seated around him, occasionally nodding in agreement, Sarbanes laid into the administration for the "sale" of US ambassadorships to fat-cat contributors to the Bush presidential campaign.

He listed some examples of the co-relations between the amount contributed and the importance of the diplomatic post:

Joseph Zappala, a Florida real estate man, who gave \$126,000 to the Bush campaign, was nominated for Spain.

Sarbanes suggested there is a quota system in the administration with anything over \$100,000 in campaign contributions necessary for a middle-size diplomatic post — and no other qualifications required.

What appeared to trigger Sarbanes' rage was the way the administration pushed the nominations through the system. Sarbanes suggested, only half in jest, that perhaps the United States ought to put up ambassadorial

nominations at public auction. "At least that way the money would go to the US Treasury."

In one of the standard forms sent to the foreign relations committee as part of the confirmation process, nominees are asked whether they have any special qualifications for their ambassadorial posts.

Both Zappala and Sembler responded with identical words: "I have been known as a coalition builder. I am able to organise my colleagues and peers to action in support of worthwhile civic, charitable and political causes."

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Sterling won't join EMS soon

Thatcher takes tough stance

MADRID, June 26. (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told a European Economic Community summit today she wanted a quick start to the first stage of monetary union but made clear sterling would not be joining the European Monetary System soon.

British officials quoted her as telling the opening session of the two-day meeting that she had serious difficulty with the tremendous shift of national sovereignty involved in later stages of a plan for monetary union in the 12-nation community.

"She thought we all recognised that decisions on these matters were simply not on the current agenda," one official told reporters.

But diplomats said her tough stance was couched in a moderate tone which suggested that a deal could be struck between her and the other EEC leaders who overwhelmingly favour the whole monetary union process.

"She was rather moderate in tone," a Belgian official quoted Prime Minister Wilfried Martens as saying after her 15-minute presentation.

Only hours before the summit opened amid strict security, Basque separatist guerrillas exploded their most powerful bomb ever in the northern town of Illido — virtually destroying a barracks of the para-military Civil Guard.

Two thousand troops and police were on guard in Madrid and the 12 leaders were driven straight into an underground car park at the tightly-patrolled conference.

As they and their foreign ministers met to consider the monetary union proposals, senior officials prepared a draft declaration condemning China's crackdown on dissent to be discussed over dinner tonight.

Diplomats said that despite French pressure for economic sanctions against Beijing the leaders were unlikely to go that

EMS has a history of causing rows

MADRID, June 26. (Reuters): In its 10-year history, the European Monetary System (EMS) has rarely been out of the political spotlight, it has divided cabinets, sparked summit rows and led to many an all-night negotiating session.

But the system of semi-fixed exchange rates, born of the vision of France and West Germany in 1979, has also helped squeeze inflation and for many European citizens taken the foreign exchange risk out of travelling abroad.

That yet another period of soul-searching should now be dominating debate among EEC leaders at their Madrid summit is hardly surprising — the EMS impinges on the ability of governments to set independent monetary policy and strikes at the heart of sovereignty issues.

All 12 EEC states are nominally members of the system, but Britain, Greece and Portugal

do not belong to the exchange rate mechanism that sets fluctuation limits on each currency. They are not, in the jargon of monetary affairs, full members.

West Germany, which dominates the system by virtue of the mark traditionally being a strong currency, has provided a strict monetary backbone, with other states benefiting from its tight anti-inflation policies.

But that dominance has also led to many a row between Paris and Bonn, with the French complaining that all too often they have been forced into unpopular interest rate rises to keep the franc within prescribed fluctuation limits against the mark.

Day to day currency movements are limited to plus or minus 2 1/4 per cent, with the exception of Spain and Italy whose currencies can move by plus or minus six per cent.

The currency parities have

the conditions will clearly exist for sterling to join the ERM," the British official quoted her as saying.

But an unimpressed Italian official commented: "All she said was negative things in a positive voice."

Like most of the other leaders, Thatcher was enthusiastic about implementing from July 1, 1990, the first stage of the report on monetary union prepared by a committee under European Commission president Jacques Delors.

That involves closer co-operation in monetary matters — the phrase she repeatedly used instead of "monetary union" — and creating a unified EEC market in which financial instruments and banking and insurance services could be freely traded.

"In those circumstances, and provided inflation in Britain has indeed been brought down significantly — as we intend to do —

But she spelled out a series of tough conditions including completing the EEC's proposed barrier-free internal market, something not due until the end of 1992, and the abolition of all EEC exchange controls, which is scheduled for even later.

But she said stages two and three, which would end with

had to be realigned 11 times so far when interest rate changes and foreign exchange market intervention were unable to keep rates within their bands.

That was mostly in the early days of the system, often involving long and bitter negotiating sessions in Brussels.

But as inflation in the EEC comes down and monetary policy is more closely co-ordinated, the frequency of realignments has fallen dramatically.

The present currency values have been in force since January 1987 — the longest period of stability yet — and there has been a growing political commitment to avoiding devaluations purely for the sake of gaining a competitive advantage for a nation's industry.

Thatcher, against the advice of her Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, has so far resisted the temptation to take the plunge.

The currency parities have

exchange rates irrevocably fixed and a federal system of central banks setting monetary policy throughout the community, needed more study and she wanted alternative models to be considered.

Diplomats said her reservations were shared to some extent by Denmark. But other participants, led by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Francois Mitterrand, maintained that the Delors plan formed an indivisible package.

French officials quoted Mitterrand as hinting that France might not fulfil its commitment to remove remaining exchange controls from July 1 of next year if progress on monetary union were blocked.

Delors himself told the summit that he was prepared to be flexible and pragmatic but that econ-

omic and monetary union had to be one unified process launched with a clear political commitment, a commission spokesman said.

Pedro Solbes, European affairs minister of summit hosts Spain, told a news conference a solution on monetary union was still some way off.

"Our state of mind has not changed after the morning session. It was not optimistic, neither is it now. There is a possibility of agreement, we have to still some way off."

Another EEC official commented: "It will all depend on how clever the wording of the final communiqué can be."

After a lunch with King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia, the leaders began serious bargaining on the terms for a deal on monetary union.

Diplomats said Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, the summit chairman, drew four conclusions from the morning discussions. He said the summit should:

■ Ratify the commitment to monetary union.

■ Accept the Delors plan as the basis of a global process by stages towards monetary union, with work in parallel on other aspects of integration.

■ Agree to begin the first stage on July 1, 1990, and ask finance ministers to agree on the necessary steps.

■ Record that some delegations wanted an inter-governmental conference soon to agree on the necessary treaty changes for monetary union while others felt more studies were needed first.

In the debate that followed, Thatcher insisted that the Delors plan should be used as an instrument for further work.

"We are arguing about words. I would like some further work. There are other ways without having to swear sovereignty," diplomats quoted her as saying.

"The negotiations have now reached a critical phase," a West German diplomat added.

"You could say we had the Monday blues," one dealer in Frankfurt said.

"Nobody is quite sure where the dollar will go next and that kept trading to a bare minimum today."

The dollar closed in London at 1.9550 West German marks and 140.95 Japanese yen after ending Friday at 1.9370 and 138.50. The pound dropped, despite reports of Bank of England intervention, as investors nervously awaited British trade figures due out at 1030 GMT on Tuesday.

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British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher talks with her Foreign Affairs Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe as they take their places in the 12-nation round table where the European Economic Community leaders meet. (Reuter wirephoto)

Sterling under pressure

Dollar ends firmer

LONDON, June 26. (Reuters): The dollar ended firmer in Europe today while the pound sterling came under pressure because of jitters about Britain's economic health, dealers said.

Currency dealers said the dollar was being held in check by concern that central banks would intervene if it started to advance significantly.

"It appears the market, after the incredible volatility of the past few weeks, is settling into a more comfortable trading range," said Terry Reid, a dealer at Harron Trust and Savings in Chicago.

"The things she has said were in line with press speculation that her position on the EMS would not change," a dealer said.

The pound closed in London around \$1.5450 and 3.0215 marks after Friday's finish of 1.5670 and 3.0375.

The Financial Times stock exchange index of 100 leading shares firmed 12.1 points to close at 2,179.6.

French shares closed lower in Paris while West German shares were mixed in Frankfurt.

Gold ended firmer, helped by the dollar's recent slide, at \$375.25 an ounce after Friday's \$371.25 close.

Oil prices were unchanged on the foreign exchanges, with its trade weighted index closing down 0.6 point at 89.7, and sterling money market rates moved up accordingly.

UK stock prices continued to

Overproducers cutting oil output

Subroto sees strong fourth quarter demand

LAGOS, June 26. (Reuters): OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman said members of the oil exporter group who had been overproducing were reducing output towards their assigned quotas.

"We understand our friends are bringing down their production," Lukman told Reuters without elaboration.

Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have both reserved the right to produce more than the quotas allocated to them in the last accord between the 13 member nations of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) signed on June 7 in Vienna.

"Some people who were producing a little too much are coming down. They are coming towards their quota," Lukman said.

He said the overproducers had given assurances of their intention to limit output to avoid a glut on world markets.

Asked what specific pledges had been made, he said: "It doesn't need to be (specific). We are not trying to corner them."

He declined to give an estimate of OPEC output so far this

month. According to the new agreement, OPEC supplies should be limited to 19.5 million BPD from July 1, against around 21 million estimated to be going onto the market at the time the accord was signed.

Subroto said the proposed summit had been "communicated to the heads of states and the response so far is very positive."

Meanwhile, Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi said today that the Majnoon islands in southern Iraq, captured by Iran during the 8-year Gulf war, have proven reserves of 30 billion barrels of oil.

Chalabi, talking to reporters on the anniversary of the recapture of the oil-rich region last year, said a huge oilfield 40 miles (60 kilometres) long covers a large area of the Huwaiyah marshes.

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Plan to build car battery factory

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Japan's lead in image sensor technology so far has kept out competition from Asia's newly industrialised economies — South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

"But we've had many Korean and Taiwanese visiting Matsushita in the past year studying our production process," he said.

Analysts expect one and possibly both countries to enter the market later this year with low-priced models.

That would intensify competition in the fastest-growing market segment — moderate-priced machines for smaller businesses.

About 22 per cent of Japan's 5.7 million small businesses and stores with less than 10 employees now have fax, and the rate is forecast to reach about 60 per cent in three years, Hori says.

Japan expects to produce 4.2 million fax machines this year, up 23 per cent from last year. Of that, about 1.2 million will be sold in Japan, and a similar amount in both North America and Europe, according to government forecasts.

Oil discovery confirmed

Find to bolster ties

MUSCAT, June 26. (AP): Oman, a country with a daily oil output of more than half a million barrels, confirmed today a new commercial oilfield has been discovered in a concession area held by four Japanese companies through a joint concern called Japex Oman.

Japex imports almost half the oil production of the sultanate and the Oman find was expected to cause a stir in Tokyo as it is the first by Japanese operators in the sultanate.

"This is epoch-making," said the president of Japex Oman, Satunji Arima, in a telephone statement to the Associated Press. "This is the first time that a Japanese company discovers oil in Oman. We are very happy as we proceed to the development stage."

He described relations between Japan and the sultanate as "very, very good," and expressed hope that the find will bolster these ties further by "deepening economic co-operation."

The concession granted to Japex Oman is on a production-sharing basis under which the Omani government, through Petroleum Development Oman, gets 86.5 per cent of the oil produced.

Fifty per cent of Japex Oman is owned by the Japan National Oil Corp. 35 percent by the Japan Petroleum Exploration Co. Ltd., 10 per cent by C. Itoh Energy Development Co. and five per cent by Indonesia Petroleum Ltd., which also is Japanese despite the name.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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International Bond Highlights

MARSHAL ISLANDS: The Kingdom of Denmark is launching a one billion French franc Eurobond due September 1996 with a coupon of nine pct. and priced at 101-7/8, lead manager Crédit Lyonnais said.

London: The city of Kobe is issuing a 150 mln dlrs Eurobond due August 10, 1999 paying 8-7/8 pct and priced at 101.60 pct, lead manager Bank of Tokyo capital markets said.

London: Toshiba America Inc is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due July 18, 1994 paying a coupon of eight pct and priced at 104-3/4 pct, lead manager Shearson Lehman Hutton International Inc said.

London: Österreichische Kontroll Bank AG is issuing a 150 mln Canadian dollar Eurobond due July 27, 1999 paying 10-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities said.

Tokyo: Gion Co Ltd said it will issue 100 mln dlrs in four-year warrant bonds through public placement in overseas markets excluding the US.

London: The New South Wales Treasury Corp is issuing a 70 mln Australian dollar Eurobond due July 1, 1999 paying 11-1/2 pct and priced at 98-57/8 pct, lead manager Bain Securities Ltd said.

London: British Land Company PLC is launching a 250 mln stg multi-currency commercial paper programme, Royal Bank of Canada said as arranger.

Frankfurt: The Bundesbank's decision to lower the minimum maturity on new issues of mark Eurobonds to two years will mean lower rates for such issues, a worry for bankers who have already seen returns from underwriting dwindle.

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	90.50	89	90.50	MUK IRON	127.50	125	125.50
LEN CHEN	320.50	314	314.50	GWFC	38.75	38	37.75	NAT INDEX	395.81	396	396.16
WU HIS	--	--	--	GRASIN	120	118.50	118.50	NOCL	997.50	980	985
WU FAB	--	--	--	GU ALKL	69.50	68.50	69.50	OSWAL AGRO	75	76	77
HICK LEY	71.50	70	71.50	GUJ HEAVY	11	10.50	10.50	PEICO	18	15.50	16.50
HIA PAINT	202.50	200	200	HERO HONDA	23	22.50	23.50	PFIZER	68	68	68.50
WAS COP	39.50	38	40	HIND CIBA	1000	980	960	PONDS	197.50	195	195
WTO CORP	77	75	77	HIND COCA	110	110	110	PREM AUTO	54.25	54	53.50
WAJ AUTO	375	372.50	376.50	HIND LEVER	92.50	96.50	96	RAMBAY	100	95	100
W RAYON	497.50	490	192.50	HIND MOTOR	38.75	38.25	38.50	RAY WOOL	80	79	81
W BOND	167	147	150	HINDALCO	305	307.50	296.25	RECKITT	207.50	200	202.50
W PLAST	--	--	--	HOECHST	740	720	725	RELIANCE	132.50	151	127
WE INDEX	136.50	135	135	IND ORG	41	40.50	39.50	SESA GOA	43.50	43.50	42
WIR LEL	765.08	773.45	773.45	IND RAYON	83	82.50	82	SHAW MALL	--	--	--
WISHLAR	185	210	212.50	INDROL	312.50	311.25	312.50	SHREE CEN	--	--	--
W ENKA	2725	2675	2745	INDTC	118	114	114	SIEMENS	72	70	69
W SPG	2010	1940	1975	JK SYN	75.50	75.50	76.50	SKF	1370	1350	1360
WIGATE	328.75	327.50	327.50	KIN ENGG	188	187	189	SPIC	56.25	55	53
WONT GR	1570	1300	1325	KIR CUMM	69	69	67	ST MILLS	310	305	295
WON	10.50	10.50	11	KSB PUMPS	417.50	--	--	TATA CHEN	121	120.50	120.5
WEP FERT	35	34	34.50	L AND T	68	88	90	TATA OIL	58.75	55	58
WILP	85	84	84	LIPTON	73	73	74	TATA PCW	355	352.50	350
W HOTELS	58	57	58	MAC RUSSEL	103.50	105	109	TELCO	917.50	905	920
WICOTS	68.50	68	67	MAD COATS	105	104	105	TISCO	1470	1430	1445
WICAF	131.25	130	128.75	MAHINDRA	102	99	98	VAN ORG	170	172	167.50
WISAR SPG	23.50	24	23.25	MAS SHARE	19.50	19.15	19.15	VARELI	25	25	23.75
WIO SPL	180	181.25	183	MICO	670	660	665	VOLATAS	845	835	840
WIBES	59	56	56	MILKFIELD	225	--	--	WINCO	20	20.25	20
WIPOLY	71	70	71	MODI	88.75	85	87.50	ZENITH	60	60	62
WISIPI	42	42	40.75	NRF LTD	385	380	385	ZUARI AGRO	76.50	76	76

FRANKFURT

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1490	1500	MITSUB EST	1210	1210
EG	215.0	214.0	AJINOMOTO	2620	2650	MITSUB IRV	1210	1250	MITSUB CO	1060	1050
LLANZ VR	1935.0	1935.0	AKAI ELEC	780	810	MITSUBI	1210	1250	MITSUBI	1210	1250
WENNER	225.0	226.0	AKOI	1400	1350	MITSUMI	1210	1250	MITSUMI	991	998
USE	314.0	314.5	ASAH GLS	2580	2580	MITSUKOSHI	2300	2270	MITSUKOSHI	1750	1790
YER	302.5	301.2	ASAH OPT	896	898	MITSUMI	1210	1250	MITSUMI	1150	1150
YER HYP	400.0	402.0	BANK TOKYO	1660	1640	MICHICON	1750	1790	MICHICON	1750	1750
YER VER	396.0	394.5	BRIDGESTON	1650	1680	MICHON CNT	1150	1150	MICHON CNT	1150	1150
IC	450.1	450.5	CANON	2000	2000	MIKO SEC	1740	1750	MIKO SEC	1440	1450
IF	466.0	468.0	CASIO COMP	1440	1440	MIP ELEC	1940	1930	MIP ELEC	827	835
W	563.5	571.0	CHUGAI PHM	1750	1730	MIP KOKAN	1750	1730	MIP KOKAN	1210	1200
WIMMERZ	253.0	254.8	CITIZEN M	1550	170	MIP OIL	1410	1430	MIP OIL	1210	1200
WITI GUMM	312.0	315.0	D-ICHI KAN	3310	3290	MIP STEEL	840	839	MIP STEEL	1210	1200
WIMMER	721.5	725.5	DAI NIP JK	885	891	MIP YUSEN	1020	1030	MIP YUSEN	1210	1200
WITSC BNK	588.5	591.0	DAI NIP PT	2520	2260	MIS MOTOR	1580	1590	MIS MOTOR	1210	1200
W	542.0	547.0	DAI NIP SC	1240	1280	MOMURA SEC	3190	3240	MOMURA SEC	1210	1200
WESDNER B	330.0	329.7	DAI NIP TO	970	990	MONURA SEC	1350	1360	MONURA SEC	1210	1200
W BACCOCK	201.5	198.2	DAICEL	1140	1090	OLYMPUS	1500	1530	OLYMPUS	1210	1200
Z INDEX	617.12	619.11	DAIMA H	2060	2010	PENTAX DCN	1410	1390	PENTAX DCN	1210	1200
W	376.0	375.0	DAIMA SEC	2140	2140	PIONEER	3500	3550	PIONEER	1210	1200
WISCHM	429.2	425.2	EBRA-MFG	2470	2400	RENOMA	1090	1090	RENOMA	1210	1200
WIPER	456.0	453.0	EISAI	1920	1950	RICOH	1290	1280	RICOH	1210	1200
WIECHST AG	302.4	303.0	FUJITSU	1540	1540	SAKYO	2430	2460	SAKYO	1210	1200
WESCH	273.0	286.0	FUJII BANK	3400	3410	SANYO ELEC	910	915	SANYO ELEC	1210	1200
WXTEN	272.5	269.5	FUJII PHOTO	4090	4120	SEIYU ST	2200	2200	SEIYU ST	1210	1200
WJSEL HLD	605.0	599.5	FUJISAMA	1700	1750	SEKISUI PB	1970	1940	SEKISUI PB	1210	1200
WLI SALZ	220.2	221.0	FUJITA CP	1960	1830	SHARP	1440	1460	SHARP	1210	1200
WNSTADT	559.0	560.0	HITACHI	1610	1620	SHISEIDO	1730	1720	SHISEIDO	1210	1200
WUFHOF	514.0	513.5	HONDA MOT	1910	1930	SONY	7680	7800	SONY	1210	1200
WOECK H	193.0	198.0	ISETAN	2400							

BUSINESS

OPEC Fund committed \$93.26m last year

VIENNA, June 26, (OPECNA): The OPEC Fund for International Development committed \$93.26 million in project financing, programme loans and grants to developing countries across the world in 1988.

This brings total fund commitments to date to \$3.48 billion, including contributions to other institutions, while disbursements made so far amount to 2.64 billion or 76 per cent of total commitments.

According to the fund's 1988 annual report, 25 projects in eight major sectors in 22 developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean received \$83.02 million in concessional loan and grant commitments during the year.

The transportation sector received \$24.9 million, followed by health (14 million), national development banks (8 million), agriculture and agro-industry (7.7 million), education (7.5 million), water supply and sewerage (4.9 million), energy (3.4 million) and industry (2.82 million). A sum of 9.8 million went to finance infrastructure rehabilitation projects in four urban centres in Ghana.

Last year, the fund extended two projects to stimulate economic activity with Benin receiving \$3.05 million and Burkina five million to finance imports of essential goods, including industrial and agricultural goods and materials.

In addition, the fund extended 28 grants totalling \$2.19 million, of which 1.84 million went to technical assistance activities and 0.34 million to research projects.

In forward to the report, fund director general Dr Seyyid Abdalai says that despite difficult circumstances, OPEC donor countries continued last year to implement their aid programmes, adding "their fundamental commitment to solidarity with fellow developing countries by way of financial assistance remained as strong as ever."

Brasilia liquidates brokerage firms

BRASILIA, Brazil, June 26, (AP): The government closed five brokerage houses Wednesday, including one owned by the central bank's former president, acting after a financial scandal that has rocked the domestic stock market.

Jose Tupy Caldas de Moura, chief auditor of brokerage firms for the central bank, announced the liquidation of the Capitaned Distribuidora brokerage owned by Elmo Camoes, who was forced to resign last Monday as head of the bank.

The resignation followed disclosure that a stock brokerage operated by Camoes son mounted a debt of 30 million cruzados, equivalent to \$23 million at the official exchange rate, as a result of the scandal.

The liquidations, signed by bank president Wadico Bucchi, also included the brokerages Ney Carvalho, Celton, Titular and Beta.

The five stock firms had run up a total debt of 83 million cruzados, equal to \$64 million, in a scandal triggered by the speculation of multi-millionaire investor Naji Nahas, 42.

Nahas, a major investor in the \$30 billion stock market, triggered the scandal by bouncing checks worth \$31 million to several brokerages for the purchase of stock futures, said the Brazilian Securities Commission.

The commission said Nahas had borrowed heavily to invest in blue-chip stocks, taking advantage of a rule that allowed him to pay five days later. Meanwhile, he drove up the stock's price by buying large amounts of common stock, so the shares he received later were worth more.

Iraq freezes prices

BAGHDAD, June 26, (Reuter): Iraq has frozen for a year the prices of consumer goods and services produced by the state sector, newspapers reported today.

They said the move was in line with a decree by the ruling Revolutionary Command Council issued earlier this year to raise average monthly salaries of government employees by 25 dinars (\$80).

Government employees were particularly hard hit by inflation in Iraq, especially in the last years of the Gulf war with Iran.

Sudan unveils deficit-ridden budget

KHARTOUM, June 26, (Reuter): Sudan unveiled a record budget deficit and warned of possible unrest amid widespread embezzlement, corruption and hyperinflation.

Finance Minister Omar Nour Al Dayem told parliament yesterday that corruption and embezzlement, "have grown to pose a danger to our values, society and financial and economic conditions."

"In the absence of decisive measures, the (economic) situation can make Sudan plunge into hyperinflation... (which) poses a threat to security and

social peace," he added. He said inflation was now running at an annual rate of more than 80 per cent.

Speaking after street protests against food shortages and a government announcement that it foiled a coup plot last week, Dayem said the budget deficit for the year beginning July 1 was likely to be £13.2 billion (\$2.93 billion).

Foreign assistance was expected to cover £5.6 billion (\$1.24 billion) of the shortfall, leaving £7.6 billion (\$1.68 billion) to be found — nearly twice this year's anticipated figure.

Dayem said Sudan's 25 million people,

most of whom already struggle to make ends meet, should consume less water, electricity and fuel. He announced several measures to cut spending and improve tax-collection.

"(A budget) deficit of this size is unprecedented in the history of Sudan," Dayem said. "If no real financing sources are found, there will be no other way left, but to borrow from the Bank of Sudan (the Central Bank)."

This would raise the amount owed by the government to the bank to £23.6 billion (\$5.24 billion).

Central Bank lending effectively

means printing money, which is inflationary.

Dayem said steps were being taken to curb what he called the horrifying rise in money supply. He did not elaborate.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi said after the coup plot was announced on June 18 that economic hardship had played a part in at least four plots against his rule. He blamed former President Jaafar Nimeiri's 16 years in power for Sudan's problems.

Sudan has been fighting rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army since 1983. The guerrillas say they want to end

what they see as the domination of the mainly Christian and animist south by the Muslim north.

The war takes 25 per cent of total government spending and has contributed to famine in the south. An estimated 250,000 people died there last year, mainly because of the famine, and more than two million southerners have become refugees elsewhere in the country.

Dayem said Sudan's foreign debt was £12 billion, at least two billion below estimates by foreign economists in Khartoum.

Seoul ready to complete plant

Iran-Japan petrochemical project

NICOSIA, June 26, (Reuter): South Korea is ready to help Iran complete a multi-billion-dollar petrochemical project whose Japanese partners want to end their part in it, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

It said the offer to finish the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Company (IIPC) project was made by Jung Kyun-Kwak, the head of South Korea's Association of Machinery Industry, in an interview published in the English-language daily Tehran Times.

The fate of the 50-50 joint venture remains unclear after an impasse in the latest talks between officials of Iran's state-owned National Petrochemical Company and a Japanese-led consortium led by Mitsui in Tehran last month.

Tehran rejected the Mitsui

position that completion of the project was no longer economical. The two sides have invested 600 billion yen (\$4.6 billion) since 1971.

The plant was 85 percent complete when the Iran-Iraq war broke out on September 1980.

Japanese workers were withdrawn from the site at Imam Khomeini port on the Gulf coast after it was attacked several times by Iraqi jets before a ceasefire took effect last August.

Jung headed a 22-man delegation from South Korea's textile, chemical, electrical, construction and other industries.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said he also repeated Seoul's readiness to help in Iranian post-war reconstruction, especially with expertise in building roads and oil refineries.

The South Korean team was

the first foreign economic delegation to visit Tehran since the death three weeks ago of Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, IRNA said.

In an another development, Turkey, at political odds with Tehran, has not imported any oil under fresh contracts from Iran this year because of a price dispute.

An energy ministry official said on Thursday he did not expect a quick solution.

Ties between the two neighbours have cooled since April when they recalled their ambassadors in a row over Iran's protest at the banning of Islamic headscarves at Turkish universities.

"We have not imported any oil from Iran in 1989 because they want prices higher than international prices. It is difficult.

Double blow Bond to fight deceit charge

SYDNEY, June 26, (Reuter): Alan Bond today vowed to fight to clear his name of "deceit and impropriety charges which could cost him Australia's highest-ranking television network.

"I will pursue every avenue open to me to clear my name," Bond said after the Australian broadcasting tribunal ruled his Bond Media unit to hold broadcasting licences.

"In relation to Mr Bond we consider that he would not be found to be a fit and proper person to hold a broadcasting licence," tribunal member Kim Wilson said in a statement.

The ethics of the rags-to-riches millionaire have been the focus of a year-long inquiry relating mainly to a 400,000 dollar (\$300,000) out-of-court defamation settlement with a leading politician.

Bond has also been struggling against claims his flagship Bond Corporation is faltering under huge debts. He suffered a double blow today when the Australian stock exchange suspended from trading his Bell resources offshoot.

Bond had rejected stock exchange demands for extra data on his plan to sell Bond Corporation's world-wide brewing assets to Bell for 3.5 billion dollars (\$2.7 billion).

The broadcasting tribunal said Bond's acts and interests could not be divorced from a broadcasting network of which he was principal shareholder.

Rulings apply to corporations not individuals, but the tribunal left no doubt its findings were aimed at Bond personally and rejected Bond media proposals to distance him from its management.

"We have little confidence... that Mr Bond would not ultimately prevail in any significant area where his overall interests were involved," the 14-page ruling said.

The tribunal, which can suspend or revoke broadcasting licences, said it would allow two weeks for submissions from Bond and tribunal counsel before proceeding.

Counsel for both parties expect the case to go to the federal court.

Bond said the tribunal decision looked like forcing him into a long battle of appeals to clear his name.

"No effort will be spared to have this matter resolved in the best interests of Bond Corporation and, in turn, the shareholders in Bond Media," he said in a statement.

Listed in 1987 at 1.55 dollars a share, Bond Media has slumped to close today two cents down at 28 cents. Bond Corp lost nine cents to a total of 1.01 dollars.

The tribunal found Bond misled its inquiry about a 1986 400,000 dollar (\$310,000) out-of-court defamation settlement with former Queensland Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen.



Bid to deal with economic crisis

Menem vows tough measures

BUENOS AIRES, June 26, (Reuter): Argentine President-elect Carlos Menem has pledged tough measures to deal with the country's worst ever economic crisis when he takes office next month.

"The measures being studied are tough, very tough. The time has come for... sacrifice so that we can create, accumulate and reactivate wealth through production," Menem said in remarks in his home province of La Rioja late on Saturday night.

In a related development, Menem told reporters before leaving for an official visit to neighbouring Uruguay yesterday that Cuban President Fidel Castro will attend his July 8 inauguration.

In his remarks on Saturday night, Menem said Central Bank reserves had fallen to \$140 million from \$3.6 billion since October of last year.

Menem, who led the opposition Peronist Party to a landslide victory over President Raul Alfonsin's radicals in May 14 elections, described the situation he was inheriting from Alfonsin's government as "poisoned, sinister and chaotic."

He said he was trying to drum up fresh investment from abroad to help pull the economy out of chaos.

"I am talking to Argentine and particularly foreign investors to help us get over the bad moment which the Argentine republic has to go through," Menem, who has named several economists for top diplomatic posts, said.

Moscow places ship order with Hyundai

SEOUL, South Korea, June 26, (AP): The Soviet Union has ordered six 24,000-ton bulk carriers, worth \$162 million, from South Korea's Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Trade and Industry Ministry officials said.

Their said they had signed a contract for delivery to begin in early 1991.

Hyundai officials declined to discuss the contract, including payment terms.

Hyundai Heavy Industries operates South Korea's biggest shipyard in Ulsan on the east coast.

The newspaper Korea Herald said the Export-Import Bank of Korea would provide a loan to cover 80 percent of the financing for the shipbuilding for the Soviet Ministry of Merchant Marine, which is buying the ships on a deferred payment basis.

But the state-run bank said it was still studying whether to finance the order.

South Korea and the Soviet Union have yet to establish diplomatic relations, although the two countries recently exchanged trade offices.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 26/06/1989

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	General Kazim Orbay	Alswan	4746018
3	Astar	Gh. & Q	4347815
4	Im Al Ather	KSA	4843150
5	Daizu Maru	Aigh. Barwill	4843988
6	Dunaj	KSA	4843150
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860
9	Spring Falcon	Salmiah	4745471
10	Astro Venus	ISA	2441860
14	Belnor	Aigh. Barwill	4843988
18	Stavento	Gh. & Q	4347815
20	Frio Brazil	Al Bader	2433537

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
26/6	Elizabeth K	Aigh. Barwill	4842988
27/6	Plata	ISA	2441860
27/6	Ville D'Oran	YAA	4745533
27/6	Golden Bear	M. Bahar	2433881

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Malak	ISA	2441860
6	Western Trias	Aigh. Barwill	4843988
9	Ascona	Aigh. Barwill	4843988
11	Victor	ISA	2441860
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14	Sunny Superior</td		

The English School-Fahaheel



A child receives an award from Mrs Hinchcliffe.



Brian Ross and the Juniors.



Mrs Hinchcliffe presents an award.

ON Sunday June 11, the English School-Fahaheel ended a very busy academic year full of events and achievements, by holding their annual Junior year-end prize giving at the school's theatre.

The school headmaster, Brian Ross, together with the Junior students, extended their welcome greetings to guests and parents.

Next, Ibrahim Shuaiber, the school chairman, welcomed the guests of honour, the British Ambassador Peter Hinchcliffe and his wife, the guests, staff and students, before asking them to rise for the National Anthem.

Brian Ross presented the school report stating the various school activities, academic achievements and progressive improvements which took place during 1988/1989.

The Junior children then showed off their singing skills under the direction of

the school's music teacher, D Francis. All the years participated in this event. They started off with "Do Your Best" by the children collectively. Then each class sang alone. Junior 1 sang "Supercman" and "It's me Oh Oh!". Junior 2 sang "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and

"Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream". Junior 3 sang "Seeds of Kindness" and "The Mermaid" and Junior 4 sang "The Quartermaster's Stores" and "When I'm 64". Finally, all the students sang "I can climb" to very loud applause from the audience.

Peter Hinchcliffe then presented the prizes to students who made outstanding achievements during the academic year and certificates to the Junior 4 students who had completed their junior education and would continue their senior education in other schools throughout

Kuwait, the United Kingdom and other countries.

To conclude the ceremony, Ibrahim Shuaiber delivered his speech. He outlined his school policy and stated that the school would endeavour to maintain a progressive and high standard of education. He also emphasised that the school motto will remain to be Excellence in education to an international student body.

Finally, Shuaiber extended his appreciation and thanks to the staff, parents and students for their hard work and support.

Junior graduation

Characteristics of mammals



have to change the focus of its eyes in order to detect predators while it is grazing.

Teeth - for chewing, tearing, and fighting

MAMMALS are usually either carnivores or herbivores — meat-eaters or plant-eaters. Their teeth are adapted for the kind of food they eat. Omnivores, such as humans, which eat both meat and plant material, tend to have some of the characteristics of both carnivores and herbivores.

Carnivores generally have teeth that can seize and tear their food. A dog is a typical example. The *incisors* at the front of a dog's mouth are small and fairly blunt. They are used mainly for grasping and holding food. Behind these there are a pair of large *canine teeth* in each jaw. These are used for fighting and for seizing prey. When the jaws close, the canine teeth in the lower jaw side in front of those in the upper jaw, forming a grip on the prey that is almost impossible to break. Behind the canines are the *premolars* and *molars*. The last premolars in the upper jaw and the first molars in the lower jaw are pointed, ridged, and sharp-edged.

(Continued next week)

Carnivores such as the dog (top) have sharp-edged cheek teeth. Herbivores such as the rabbit (below) have flat grinding teeth.



The young kangaroo has a warm home in mother's pouch, although it gets a rather bumpy ride when she bounds over the grassland with great leaps.

head. This gives the horse a very wide field of vision. In addition, the eye of a horse is not round. It is shaped so that light from nearby objects (such as the grass on which the horse is grazing) is focussed on one part of the eye. At the same time, light from distant objects is focussed on another part of the eye. This is very useful, because it means that the horse does not

have to change the focus of its eyes in order to detect predators while it is grazing.

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Happy birthday



Jasdeep Singh celebrated his 9th birthday on June 21. Belated greetings and best wishes from mummy, daddy, Jasvinder, Harmeet, Inpreet and Deepi.



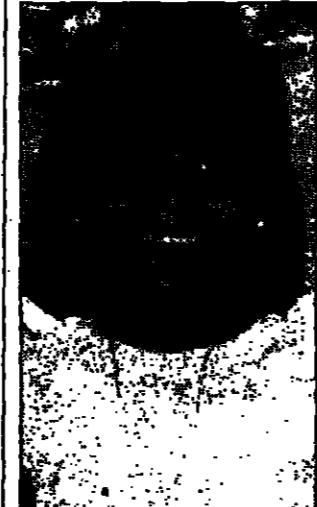
Irum (Mona) Ansari celebrates her fourth birthday on June 28. Many happy returns of the day from daddy, mummy, Romeen, grandmother and uncles.



Umer Halim Khan will be celebrating his fourth birthday on June 30th. Many happy returns of the day from mummy, daddy, brothers, sisters and friends Mona and Romeen.

Khadija Akhtar (Mily) celebrated her 10th birthday yesterday, June 27. Happy birthday and best wishes from parents, sisters and relatives.

Congratulations



Congratulations to 5-1/2-year-old Ruksana passed her second standard with high marks. Keep up the good work!

Solution to Thursday's crossword

ACROSS
1. GINGER (5)
2. SILENT (5)
3. TENDER (5)
4. STRETCH (5)
5. SPURSE (5)
6. TERRACOTTA (8)
7. CROWN (5)
8. LINGER (5)
9. PITY (5)
10. RIBBLED (5)
11. STALL (5)
12. EMPLOY (5)
13. BANDS (5)
14. PENNYWORTH (8)
15. TINY (5)
16. ARAB (5)
17. LAYER (5)
18. YOGO (5)

Dear Junior Readers,
Now that the summer holidays have come, many of you are leaving Kuwait for a long, relaxing holiday.

Remember to exchange addresses before leaving for your holiday destination.

If you hate writing letters, I'm sure you can manage to scribble a few lines on a colourful postcard. The friends you write to will be touched knowing that you remember them.

Also, if you are visiting a new country as tourists, never ever wonder off alone. You may feel confident that you know where your parents are but many strange places look alike and it may all get a little confusing.

Always make sure the name and the address of the hotel or the house you are staying at is in your pocket in both the foreign language and your own so if God forbid, you do get lost you will be able to get back home.

Finally, if you are going to visit a grand park, like London's Hyde Park, agree on a common "if worst gets to worst" place where you should go to if you get lost somewhere in the park. A good idea will be at the main gates.

I hope you have wonderful holidays!

Mona.



Crossword

1 Soho swells	34 Congou or hyson	68 Expert	102 Easy task
2 Deep cliff	37 Redress for battle	69 Olympic team	103 Urge
3 Containers	38 Competition	70 Cohort	104 Sodden's rod
4 Tallest	40 Start	71 Drop the baton	105 Shortstonean
5 City	44 Endures	72 Belief	106 Creek
6 Ms. Goliathy	45 Gold medalist's recruit	73 Trail in a	107 "Shamateur"
7 Neighbor of	46 "Hill"	74 Skill	108 Thermometer
8 "I"	47 Dolls	75 Club for Hogan	109 "Macabre"
9 Division word	48 Domestic to-do	76 Branch	110 Advantage
10 Throw boxers	49 Green land	77 DR formation	111 Scottie's
11 Miles apart	50 Garden land	78 Golden pest	112 "I'm
12 Off-limits	51 Green	79 Seven or high	113 song go out of
13 Island,	52 Vibrato	80 Lover as a sign of respect	114 Color
14 One	80 Honshu city	81 Avarat wood	115 Common abbr.
15 Marathoner's theme song?	82 Avarat	82 A Gardner	116 Minor or Major
16 Duo	83 A soprano	83 Fragrant wood	117 Baker's leaven
17 Long-tailed antelope	84 Emma	84 Free-style's	118 Egg
18 Except	85 Women's org.	85 Take a train	119 cycle (Gr. calendar season)
19	86	86	120 "Games," e.g.
20	87	87	121 Record race
21	88	88	122 "Wedding gift?"
22	89	89	123 Advantage
23	90	90	124 Scottie's
24	91	91	125 "I'm
25	92	92	126 "I'm
26	93	93	127 song go out of
27	94	94	128 Color
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EVENTS

ACT says goodbye to Scott and Kavi

TWO well-known members of the amateur theatrical group, ACT, will be leaving Kuwait shortly. American diplomat Scott Hose and Kavinder Singh, associated with ACT's major productions, were considered to be the "heavyweights" of the group.

ACT vice chairman Mohamed Abueljebain said: "The departure of Scott and Kavi would be big blow for us."

Mohamed said the group would miss them. "They were always there, on-stage or off-stage, giving us valuable support," he said.

Scott joined the ACT in 1985 and produced The Seven Year Itch that year; he later took to the stage and performed in ACT's first Country-Western

show, Scrooge, The American Dream and the Sounds Great Production of Brer Rabbit.

Kavinder was the assistant director of The King and I and Forty Carats and performed key roles in the Scrooge and The Bald Soprano.

Mohamed said both Scott and Kavinder were at their best on stage. "They were at their best on stage but were also good in doing so many little things to complete the finished product."

He said the group would miss "their professionalism and cooperation."

He also thanked them, on behalf of the group, for their contribution to ACT activities over the years.



Scott Hose



Kavinder Singh

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Halaf Al Hawiya: Arabic Serial
11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoum Al Madina: Arabic Serial
12.15 Hikayat Ma'a Al Nojoom: Variety Programme
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World today via Satellite
1.30 Falouma: Cartoon Serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Imra'a La Taref Al Yas: Arabic Serial
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sons Al Nabawiya: Religious Programme
3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: Cartoon Serial
4.00 Abdul Rahman Al Ghafiqi: Historical Serial
4.45 Shay' Fi Al Thakira: Arabic Feature, Starring: Hasan Yousif, Dafal Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Rateb
7.00 Hikayat Al Asmai: Historical Serial (Part 4)
7.55 The World about Us: Cultural Programme
9.00 News in Arabic

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 The Pink Panther and Son: cartoon series
6.30 Captain Power: "Geminis and Counting" — Erin attacks Pilot, who begins de-programming him, putting herself at high risk.
7.00 The World About Us
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Fourth Arm: the team plans to plant explosives in the rocket factory.
9.30 Mutual of Omaha Everything's Relative: "Brother's Keeper." Scott volunteers to work with Julian and gets some on-the-job training. Comedy. Starring: John Bolger, Anne Jackson, Jason Alexander
10.00 12.30 Midnight Caller: "Trash Radio." — Jack Kilian

disagrees with the host of a TV station and puts himself into trouble. Starring: Gary Cole.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
The Beast Master
Al Salimya
Dragon
Al Haura
Arabic Film
Drive In
Arabic Film
Al Firdous
Tera Karam Mera Dharam
Al Fahadeen
Dance of the Dwarfs
Al Jabra
Agoon Pani
Granada
Anuragi
Sedabikh
Extreme Prejudice
Al Jeeb
Qurbani
Ahmed Drive-In
Arabic Film

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.15 am
Zuhra 11.51
Asr 3.25 pm
Maghreb 6.51
Isha 8.24

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Hajri Pharmacy
Al Hilali St.
Al Montaser Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nugra
Al Kuwait Pharmacy
Nugra, Qotaiba St.
Salimya and Rumshita
Ibn Al Nafees Pharmacy
Hamad Al Mubarak St.
Fahsheh and Almadi
Sada Pharmacy
Fahsheh, Makkah St.
Khatan
Al Hayat Pharmacy
Ibrahim Bin Zuhair St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Al Matafi St.



S.K. Gandhi and Salim Akhtar of Mubarak Al Sultan Trading Corporation last week received the 'Sealed Power' Award from Nazir M. Haque of Intraco Corporation, US. Haque presented the award at a reception held at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on June 22. Above: Salim Akhtar and S.K. Gandhi pictured at the award-giving ceremony.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

FILMS

British Council

JUNE 28 (6pm), June 29 (10.30 am): Care Bears — the Gift of Caring, a children's film, will be shown. Children can join the caring bears of Care-A-Lot in five fully animated stories: "The Gift of Caring, Desert Gold, The Magic Lamp, Bright Heart's Bad Day and The Wrath of Shrekky. Admission is free. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

MUSIC

Octave musical

JUNE 29: Due to public demand, Octave musical group repeats Indian musical

programme at 7.30 pm at IAC auditorium. A show with a difference.

SOCIAL

Mango Festival

JUNE 27: A mango festival will be held at Al Fintas, 16th floor, Meridien Hotel. Pakistan Ambassador Zahid Saeed will open the festival, organised by the hotel in co-operation with Shama International and PIA.

KAPILKU meeting

JUNE 28: The officers of the Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their Officer's meeting on Wednesday at Far East Restaurant at 8.00 pm.

Topics to be discussed are:

Palarong Pilipino (30 best basketball players from all the participants — red and green, one-on-one for ladies and three-point shooting from all the star selections for men's division); KAPILKU Night (quarterfinals for Bagong Kampeon, Sing-alike and bulilit Bagong Kampeon; Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait; Philippine Community Day; and Songfest '89).

Kuwait Malayalee Catholic Association

JUNE 30: The Kuwait Malayalee Catholic Association (KMCA) will hold a cultural show at 4 pm at the church hall. Classical and folk dance and a fancy dress competition will be held, in addition to other contests.

KMCA will also hold a get-together on the same day at 4 pm at the Church parish hall to say goodbye to Fr. Cyril Karimundakal who will leave Kuwait after six years here.

"Hotter Than July"

July 7 (Friday): A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival to be held at the Messiah Beach Hotel Ballroom from 7 to 10 pm. The groups to be featured are Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambezi, Manila Boys, Louie Villeveau, Daniel Sisters and special guest appearance by Steve Michael. Tickets priced at KD5/- are available at: Messiah Beach Hotel — Tel. 5624111 Ext. 721/729; Art Corner, Nugra, 2659068/2659820; Swan Lake Recording, Salimya: 5721030; No. 1 Records, Sultan Center — 5719620 Ext 403 or 540.

Special offer for office and home delivery of tickets please

call 2669963, 3928504 and 5639689.

Musical instruments will be given as gifts on entrance tickets.

Red and Black nite

JULY 11: The Weekend Club will host the Red & Black Nite at the Sheikha Ballroom of the Regency Palace with Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Dress is informal but red and black combinations. Highlights include selection of the Red and Black Couple, most original costume and a jive contest. Gala buffet dinner is included. For reservations contact: Hilary: 5741380; Julio: 5734513 and Mercedes: 4890566.

D'Assisi Social Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Arms, Shop No. 34, Al Karim Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140; Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the SAS

WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the bubble bubble/pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservations, call 5670000 ext 403 or 540.

Keep fit

ACQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International Hotel. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited.

Barbeque lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool.

Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming from July 1 - 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buck: 2530000-8039.

At the Kuwait International CHILDREN'S Party: On June 30 and July 7. Kermit, Donald Duck, Fozzie Bear, many other playmates, a huge Kiddie Castle, games, puppet shows and video fun promise to make it an entertaining day for the children.

Swimming competition too, so bring your swimming trunks. From 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm KD5 for adults and KD3 for children under 12 years. Tickets on sale at reception: 2550000-8039.

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SPORTS

Keep fit classes

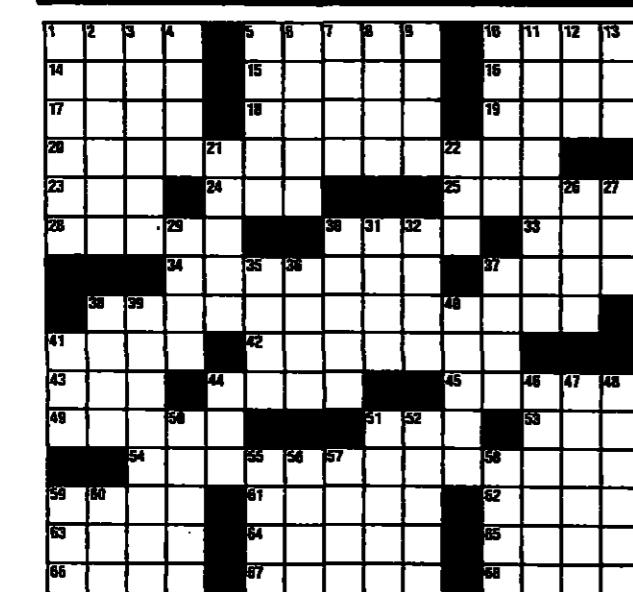
Aquafitness, judo, karate, taekwondo, and keep fit classes at the Kuwait International. Separate classes for ladies and men as well as mixed sessions. Bowling tournament during August. Barbeque lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis and swimming coaching also. Details with the Recreation Manager, Paul Woodland at 2530000/8050.

Badesik elects officials

THE Bangladeshi Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait (Badesik) recently held its annual general election. The following officials were elected: Ansari Ali (president); Md. Shah Alam (vice president); Md. Khalilur Rahman (general secretary); Md. Farhan Ahmed (joint secretary). Other secretaries are: Mir A. Salam, Abdul Barek Molla, Moste-huddin, Monjurul Alam and Rafiqul Islam.

The election committee was headed by Ashrafuddin and Mohiuddin Bhuiyan.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Did the crawl
5 Falling
10 Greenish-blue
14 Space or sphere starter
15 Offspring
16 Large casks
17 Audacity
18 Sibling's daughter
19 Shoe widths
20 Anya Seton novel
23 Poetic contraction
24 Armed forces abbr.
25 Petal perfume
28 Awesome fear
30 Done with
33 Guadeloupe, g.
34 Swamp emanations
37 Do a stavedore's job
38 W. H. Hudson novel
41 "Where have you?"
42 Soup servers
44 Fasteners
45 First name in cosmetics
49 El —, Spanish painter
51 Legal profession
53 Sacred Hindu words
54 Marc Connolly drama, with "The"
55 Siamese, today
61 Handled out the cards
62 One of the Turners
63 Assistant
64 "Ninotcha"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
AMAH TALCS AWOL
LEDA INURE LAMA
ORAL KAREN EDEN
FORT HETIME BEING
TENSE DECA
MAD ALEPH
ACTA LOFT ETHOS
PEACE FOR DUR TIME
OTTER MYER ALOT
EASES DNA
CABS DRAFT
PASS THE TIME AWAY
ERAT ARENA CALL
WAGE REACT ERSE
STOP ATLAS DEER

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
LOSE ONE, WIN TWO

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ K Q 8 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ 5

♣ J 7 4 2

WEST
♦ 7 6

♣ A J 10 4

♥ 10 5 4

♦ K 7 4 2

♣ K 9 8 3

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ Q 9 6

SOUTH
♦ 9

♣ A K 9 8 7 3

♦ A J 10 6

♣ A 5

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

Expert defenders are few and far between. Here's an opportunity for you to convince us that you belong among the elite few. Tell us how you would defend against four hearts.

North-South reached four hearts on a fairly normal auction. At his second turn North had to choose between a heart preference and a spade rebid. It's a close decision, but we feel North did the right thing.

Partner's spade lead was hardly a

thing of beauty—not that it made any difference. On a more normal club lead, declarer could have won the ace and led a spade himself to create much the same position. After you win the opening lead, try to count declarer's tricks. If you allow him to negotiate two diamond ruffs in dummy to go with the spade trick that's available, it's difficult to construct a hand where declarer won't rump home with 10 tricks.

Obviously, therefore, you must remove dummy's trumps. Suppose you shift to a low trump. Declarer will let it run to the jack, since if he rises with the ace and ruffs a diamond, he will have to lose a trump, a spade and two tricks in the minors. When the jack of hearts wins, declarer can discard a diamond on the queen of spades, cash the ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond, which limits his losers to one in each suit except for trumps.

But see what happens if East shifts to the queen of trumps! Declarer wins in hand, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond, then discards a diamond on the high spade. But the diamond ruff has promoted West's ten of trumps to a trick, and declarer has to lose a trick in each suit no matter how he twists and turns. Try it

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Boats

GLASTRON Carlson, 23 ft, 260 HP, green metallic TE, top power seat, price KD5,000. Wet bike, red, surfjet, white. Tele. Mr. Thomas, 2560122. (AT4-48102-3)

OLDMOBILE 1979, 350 engine, automatic, newly overhauled, AC, sunroof, insured up to March 1990, in excellent condition. KD700. Tele. Mr. Nazir Ahmed, 4348506, 1:30-3 pm, 8:30-11 pm. (AT4-48100-2)

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NISSAN Cherry, 1980 model, golden colour, AC, lady driven. In very good condition. Best offer. Tele. Dimitri, 3725973, 5-9 pm. (AT3-48081-2)

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MAZDA RX7, model '81, in very good condition. For information Tele. 5518267, after 7 pm. (AT3-48071-3)

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Rangers blast Indians

Angels overcome Orioles

NEW YORK, June 26 (AP): The Texas Ranger's Nolan Ryan was only four batters away from pitching his sixth career no-hitter when Brook Jacoby doubled to right field and ruined his achievement.

"When the ball left the bat, I felt it was a hit," Ryan said. "I knew it would take some kind of spectacular play."

The 42-year-old Ryan was relieved by Jeff Russell after allowing Dave Clark's two-run homer with one out in the ninth as Texas beat Cleveland Indians 4-2 last night.

Ryan, the all-time strikeout leader, fanned Joe Carter in the fourth inning for strikeout no. 4,900 of his career.

In addition to his record five no-hitters, Ryan has 11 one-hitters.

Ryan, 9-3, finished with one walk and seven strikeouts, and leads the Major Leagues with 128 strikeouts.

Athletics 6, Blue Jays 3

Rickey Henderson had three hits and drove in two runs and Stan Javier hit the first homer by an Oakland right fielder this season as the Athletics beat Toronto at the Coliseum.

Henderson, who rejoined the A's this week after a trade with

the New York Yankees, was on base five times with three singles and two walks. He also scored two runs and stole three bases.

Angels 7, Orioles 6

Wally Joyner drove in three runs and hit his first homer since April 27 as California held on to beat Baltimore, taking three of four games at Anaheim.

Mariners 5, Tigers 3

John Joyner doubled for two runs in the first inning and hit his second homer of the season in the third as the Angels grabbed a 7-1 lead after three innings against Jeff Ballard, 9-3.

Yankees 5, Royals 4

Steve Balboni hit a two-run homer and Don Slagle's run-scoring single capped a three-run sixth as New York edged Kansas City.

The Yankees won two of three games, only the second home series the Royals have lost all season. It was the first time New York has won a series of three games or more in Kansas City since 28-30, 1986.

Twins 7, Red Sox 0

Allan Anderson allowed six hits in eight innings and Gary Gaetti stole home and drove in a run, leading Minnesota past Boston at Fenway Park.

Anderson, 9-4, who led the AL with a 2.45 ERA in 1988, pitched

his way out of jams in the fourth and fifth innings and Jeff Reardon got the final three outs.

Brewers 3, White Sox 1

Rookie Jaime Navarro allowed one run in 7 1-3 innings in his second Major League start and Milwaukee scored two runs on a throwing error to beat Chicago at County Stadium.

Mariners 5, Tigers 3

An obstruction call on Detroit first baseman Dave Bergman led to three unearned runs in the second inning and Seattle beat Detroit at the Kingdome.

Bill Swift, 3-2, faced the minimum 20 batters through 6 2-3 innings, allowing four hits, before Bergman hit a solo home run in the seventh.

Mets 5, Phillies 1

Sid Fernandez, winless since May 9, combined with Rick Aguilera on a seven-hitter yesterday to lead the New York Mets to a 5-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies and a sweep of their three-game series.

Results

National League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
N.Y. Mets	39	32	.549	-
St. Louis	40	33	.548	-
Montreal	36	37	.500	1-2
St. Louis	36	37	.500	3
Pittsburgh	29	41	.414	9-1-2
Philadelphia	34	46	.432	14 1-2

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	45	29	.568	-
Houston	42	32	.567	3
Cincinnati	39	34	.534	5-1-2
Los Angeles	37	36	.506	7-1-2
San Diego	36	40	.473	10
Atlanta	29	44	.397	15 1-2

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Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	41	31	.569	5-1-2
N.Y. Yankees	36	37	.493	6
Toronto	36	30	.583	6
Boston	34	37	.479	6-1-2
Cleveland	35	39	.485	7-1-2
Milwaukee	35	40	.475	7-1-2
Detroit	27	45	.375	17 1-2



Brewers' Gary Sheffield (right) tries to keep Steve Lyons, of White Sox, from touching second base. (Reuter wirephoto)

Costa Rica overcome Salvador in Cup qualifier

NEW YORK, June 26 (AP): Costa Rica all but assured itself of a berth in the World Cup finals yesterday with a 4-2 win at El Salvador.

The game was called with eight minutes left because hundreds of Salvadoran fans in the capacity crowd of 50,000 threw objects onto the field to express disgust with their team's performance.

That could result in a fine and sanction against the Salvadoran Football Association.

The victory means Costa Rica needs only a tie with El Salvador in the July 16 return match to qualify for the World Cup. Costa Rica is 4-2-1 for nine points. The United States is second with a 2-1-1 mark for five points.

Two teams from the group comprised Costa Rica, El Salvador, the United States, Guatemala and Trinidad and Tobago will qualify for Rome.

In other matches, North Korea beat Japan 2-0 in an East Asia Group 6 qualifying match in Pyongyang.

Japan finished Group 6 play with a 2-1-3 record and seven points. North Korea is 2-1-1 for five points with one game remaining.

If North Korea wins its remaining match, it will tie Japan at seven points and the winner will be decided by goal differential. The top team will advance into the second round.

In Jakarta, Henry Kiswanto scored twice on penalty kicks, the second with only a minute to play, as Indonesia rallied to beat Hong Kong 3-2.

Algeria all but assured itself of the Africa Group A title with a 2-1 victory over Zimbabwe.

Menda Djamel put Algeria ahead in the 38th minute, then scored the eventual game-winner on a diving header by Hadj Adlene. Stanley Ndunduma scored a late goal on a penalty kick for Zimbabwe.

Algeria has five points from three games and can advance with a tie in its final match against the Ivory Coast.

Omari Biyik and Djonke scored five minutes apart to rally Cameroon to a 2-1 victory over Angola. The victory kept Cameroon two points behind first-place Nigeria in Africa Group C.

Nigeria completed a sweep of winsless Gabon with a 2-1 road victory to stay in first place.

Nigeria is 3-0-1 after four games for seven points. Cameroon is second at 2-1-1 for five points. Gabon has lost all four matches.

Kafusha Bwalya, who plays for Cercle Brugge of Belgium, scored on a free kick two minutes into injury time to give Zambia a 2-1 victory over Morocco and first place in Africa Group D.

Nabil Maloul scored on a penalty kick in the 78th minute to give Tunisia a 1-0 victory over Zaire.

Tunisia moved into second place in Africa Group D with four points, two behind Zambia and one ahead of Zaire and Morocco.

Milan fail to pass Napoli in last game

ROME, June 26, (Reuter): AC Milan finished the Italian season in style yesterday but it was not enough to snatch second place from Napoli.

The European Cup winners thrashed Bologna 4-1 but jaded Napoli, missing key forwards Diego Maradona, Andrea Carnavale and Careca, clung on with a 1-0 win at bottom club Como. A 36th minute penalty by Alessandro Sereni saved them.

Milan, eager for a 50 million lire (\$36,000) per player bonus if they overtook Napoli, played superbly with Dutch striker Marco van Basten on target twice. But they had to settle for third place, one point adrift.

Champions Internazionale beat Fiorentina 2-0, avenging their 4-3 defeat by the Florence side in the first half of the season.

Fiorentina, who now face a play-off with Roma for the last Italian place in next season's UEFA Cup, failed to capitalise after Inter's West German midfielder Lothar Matthaeus was sent off after 36 minutes.

Inter's Argentine forward Ramon Diaz made up for a disallowed goal by opening the scoring from a cross by Andreas Breitner in the 61st minute. The second goal by winger Alessandro Bianchi in the 77th was set up by Aldo Sereni, this season's top scorer with 22 goals.

Torino, the only other team to beat Inter this season, were relegated for the first time since 1959 after losing 3-1 at Lecce.

Results	Team	Record
0	Lazio	0
1	AC Milan	4
0	Napoli	1
2	Fiorentina	0
0	Verona	0
3	Como	0
1	Parma	1
2	Ajax	1
0	Cagliari	1
1	Genoa	1
2	Atalanta	1
0	Cesena	1

Yugoslavia clinch title

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, June 26, (Reuter): Yugoslavia outclassed Greece 98-77 to win the men's European Basketball Championship for a fourth time yesterday.

By the fourth minute the Yugoslavs had taken a 10-point lead and at halftime were ahead 54-34 and never looked likely to falter.

Midway through the first half they led by 19 points and started to entertain the spectators with a superb mixture of touch defence, fast counter-attacks and efficiency.

Their Real Madrid playmaker Drazen Petrovic scored 18 points in the first half, not much by his standards, but he also provided his colleagues with 11 assists from which they scored.

Greece, who shocked the Soviet Union with an 81-80 win in the semifinal on Saturday, were totally outplayed and their main scorer Nikos Galis managed only four points in the first 15 minutes.

The Yugoslavs maintained the pressure and by the 35th minute their lead had grown to 35 points.

Coach Dusan Ivkovic then decided to ring the changes and gave all his squad a chance, at one time completely replacing the first team.

It was the first European triumph for Yugoslavia since 1977 when they beat the Soviet Union in the final in Liege, Belgium.

Yugoslavia probably never had such a choice of talented players, "probably never had such a choice of talented players," Ivkovic said. "Everything being equal, we can expect very much at the next year's world championship in Argentina, and even at the next Olympic Games in Barcelona.

"It's not very difficult to be a coach of such a team," he added.

Petrovic, the best Yugoslav player at the championship, said: "We knew we were the best. We expected first place and we won it, but it's shame we didn't play against the Soviet Union in the final."

Greek coach Eftimis Kiourmourtzoglou said: "We needed a miracle to beat Yugoslavia, but miracles don't happen every day. I expected a defeat of some 20 points and that's what happened."

Mercedes score second win

JARAMA, Spain, June 26, (Reuter): Frenchman Jean-Louis Schlesser and West German Jochen Mass presented Le Mans victory Mercedes with their second World Sportscar Championship success of the season at Jarama yesterday.

The pair beat the Jaguar of Dutchman Jan Lammers and Frenchman Patrick Tambay by one lap after 3 1-2 hours of racing in blistering 40 degrees Centigrade temperatures around the former Spanish Grand Prix circuit outside Madrid.

Mass, first in the non-championship Le Mans 24-hour Classic two weeks ago, and co-driver Schlesser started from the front row of the 24-car grid and were still in charge at the finish 145 laps (480 kms) when one minute 20.970 seconds (147.255 kph) World Drivers' Championship (after 3 rounds):

1. Schlesser 55 points; 2. Baldi 40; 3. Equal: Acheson Mass 35; 5. Equal: Bob Wollek (France) Jelinski 32.

Overall manufacturers standing:

1. Mercedes 55 points; 2. Jaguar Racing 32; 3. Jaguar 23; 4. Equal: Toyota Brun Motorsport 17; 6. Nissan 13.

Yugoslavia's Dino Rada (No. 14) tips the ball away from a Greek player. (Reuter wirephoto)

Third-placed Argentine Oscar Larrauri and Spaniard Jesus Pareja by a further lap.

The race was punctuated by collisions and spins in the heat. Among those to overcome problems were the British factory Spice of Denmark's Thorild Thyrring and the second Jaguar of Britain's Andy Wallace. They finished fourth and sixth respectively, sandwiching Acheson's ailing Mercedes.

Results

1. Jochen Mass (West Germany)/Jean-Louis Schlesser (France) Mercedes 145 laps in three hours 26 minutes 13.882 seconds (139.719 kph); 2. Jan Lammers (Netherlands)/Patrick Tambay (France) Jaguar 144 laps; 3. Oscar Larrauri (Argentina)/Jesus Pareja (Spain) Mercedes 143 laps; 4. Thorild Thyrring (Denmark)/Klaus Winkelhock (Germany) Mercedes 143 laps; Fastest Lap: Baldi one minute 20.970 seconds (147.255 kph)

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Kenyan team

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 26, (Reuter): Olympic 800 metres champion Paul Ereng and international newcomer Yobes Ondieki head a supremely talented Kenyan team as the European athletics season explodes into action tomorrow. Ereng has already broken Britain's Sean Cox's world indoor record this year as well as setting the fastest outdoor time of the season in Seville, Spain six days ago.

John McEnroe

LONDON, June 26, (Reuter): The ban on John McEnroe practising at Queen's Club during the Wimbledon championships has been lifted. McEnroe, barred from the London club in 1985 after a row with the chairman's wife, met current chairman Grant Meyrick yesterday.

National shame

MADRID, June 26, (Reuter): Anti-bullying protesters demonstrated outside the Madrid building yesterday, one day before European community delegates were due to watch one of the season's best bulfights. They waved French, British, Italian, West German and Dutch flags and banners in different languages proclaiming "Bullying: Spain's national shame," and "Torture is neither art nor culture."

Saarbruecken win

BONN, June 26, (Reuter): Second Division Saarbruecken beat First Division Eintracht Frankfurt 2-1 in a second-leg soccer relegation playoff match yesterday but Eintracht won 4-2 on aggregate to stay in the First Division.

Irish star

DUBLIN, June 26, (Reuter): Irish cycling star Stephen Roche has sold his Dublin home and will now live permanently in France, his manager Peter Crimmin said today.

Dnepr triumph

MOSCOW, June 26, (Reuter): Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, buoyed by Anton Shokh's 34th minute goal, defeated Torpedo Moscow 1-0 yesterday to win their first Soviet Soccer League Cup.

Senior Classic

SYRACUSE, New York, June 26, (AP): Newcomer Jim Dent sank a short eight putts on the 17th hole yesterday to overtake Dick Hendrickson and win the \$300,000 Money Syracuse Senior Classic. Dent overcame a five-stroke deficit to claim the \$45,000 top prize — the biggest come-from-behind victory on the Senior PGA Tour this season.

Road race

MAZARRON, Spain, June 26, (AP): Carlos Hernandez yesterday won the 88th Spanish Road Cycling Race Championship, run over a 252-kilometer (156-mile) course from start to finish in this southeastern city.

Cycling event

WITHERNSEA, England, June 26, (AP): Tim Harris won the British Professional Cycling Championship yesterday, taking the victory in a sprint to the finish line. The victory lifted his team's morale after its poor showing in last month's Milk Race.

Miller 400

BROOKLYN, Michigan, June 26, (UPI): Bill Elliott took advantage of some late race misfortunes by Rusty Wallace yesterday to win the NASCAR Miller 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Portland 200

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 26, (UPI): Emerson Fittipaldi ended three years of frustration in Portland yesterday, winning the \$650,000 Portland 200 at Portland International Raceway.

Gold medallist

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, June 26, (AP): Weightlifter Graham May, a gold medallist at the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch in 1974, admitted today that he had taken steroids during his career. May offered to return his medal. "I am quite happy to hand over my medal if New Zealand sports administrators want to penalise me for being honest," said May, who won the super-heavyweight gold medal.

First place

INDIANAPOLIS, June 26, (UPI): A team including Seoul Olympic silver medallists Tom Bohrer and Raoul Rodriguez took first place in the men's four without Coxswain yesterday at the US Rowing Championships.

Sulayem chases a dream in Turkey

UAE star heading for two days of non-stop action

ISTANBUL: Facing a challenge that will be frantic by any rallying standards, Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem is ready to pursue a dream on two continents in the week.

Making his second European championship appearance of the year at the wheel of his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, the UAE star is heading for two days of non-stop action in the Gunaydin Turkish International Rally.

In preparation for an event beginning in Asia on Friday and finishing across the Bosphorus in Europe on Saturday, Sulayem has found that it will be even more of a race against time than he is accustomed to.

"The organisers have produced a very tight schedule," he said during a break from practice yesterday (Monday) with his highly experienced co-driver, Irishman Ronan Morgan. "There is very little time to get from the end of each special stage to the

East German internationals accused of doping

BONN, June 26, (Reuter): An ex-Olympic champion and a former top sports official from East Germany today accused all of the country's international athletes of taking drugs.

"Every athlete that competes internationally for East Germany is doped,

every one," Hans-Juergen Noczenski, former head of the East German Judo Association, was quoted as saying in the popular West German newspaper Bild.

Noczenski, who defected to the West last February, made the accusation after one of the most detailed pictures of

alleged drug abuse in East Germany by 1976 Olympic ski jumping gold medalist Hans-Georg Aschenbach in another West German paper.

Aschenbach said he was forced to take muscle-building anabolic drugs for the whole of his career and all of the coun-

try's stars were obliged to take them.

"We had to take the drugs. We were forced to," he told Bild Am Sonntag.

"Those who didn't were dropped from the national teams, from their clubs and life was made difficult for them."

Aschenbach, who defected to the West

during a visit with the East German ski jumping team 10 months ago, was not available to confirm the reports today.

But his reported statements in a page-long article in Bild Am Sonntag are the most controversial on drug abuse in the Eastern bloc.

Europe soccer honours list

LONDON, June 26, (Reuter): Following are the champions and cup-winners in the major European soccer Leagues for the 1988-89 season:

England

League champions — Arsenal. Runners-up — Liverpool Cup winners — Liverpool. Beaten finalists — Everton. League Cup — Nottingham Forest. Beaten finalists — Luton

France

League champions — Marseille. Runners-up — Paris. St Germain Cup winners — Marseille. Beaten finalists — Monaco

Belgium

League champions — Mechelen. Runners-up — Anderlecht. Runners-up — Standard Liege

Czechoslovakia

League champions — Sparta Prague. Runners-up — Banik Ostrava

Germany (West)

League champions — Bayern Munich. Runners-up — Cologne Cup winners — Borussia Dortmund. Beaten finalists — Werder Bremen

Greece

League champions — Aek Athens. Italy

League champions — Internazionale. Runners-up — Napoli Cup winners — Napoli or Sampdoria

Netherlands

League champions — PSV Eindhoven. Runners-up — Ajax Amsterdam Cup winners — PSV Eindhoven

Poland

League champions — Ruch Chorzow. Runners-up — GKS Katowice Cup winners — Legia Warsaw. Beaten finalists — Jagiellonia Bialystok

Portugal

League champions — Benfica. Runners-up — Porto Cup winners — Belenenses. Beaten finalists — Benfica

Scotland

League champions — Rangers. Runners-up — Aberdeen Cup winners — Celtic. Beaten finalists — Rangers. League Cup winners — Rangers. Beaten finalists — Aberdeen

Turkey

League champions — Fenerbahce. Runners-up — Sariyer Cup winners — Besiktas. Runners-up — Fenerbahce

Romania

League champions — Steaua Bucharest. Runners-up — Dinamo Bucharest

Spain

League champions — Real Madrid. Runners-up — Barcelona Cup winners — Real Madrid or Real

Valadolid

Switzerland

League champions — Lucerne. Runners-up — Grasshopper Zurich. Beaten finalists — Aarau

Yugoslavia

League champions — Vojvodina. Runners-up — Red Star Belgrade.

Alderman scuttles England

Australia in sight of victory

LONDON, June 26, (Reuter): Terry Alderman took his haul of wickets in the Ashes campaign against England to 19 today as Australia moved within sight of a 2-0 lead in the six-match series.

Alderman put the Australians firmly in the driving seat in the second Test at Lord's with a late burst of three wickets with the second new ball after beleaguered England captain David Gower had gone some way towards answering his critics with his 15th Test century.

At the close of the fourth day England were 322 for nine, only 30 runs ahead.

Alderman's impeccable line

and length brought him the early wicket of Mike Gatting after England had resumed at 58 for three, and then the scalps of Robin Smith for a battling 96, Neil Foster and Paul Jarvis as England's hopes of saving the game dwindled. He ended the day with figures of six for 111 from 34 overs.

Hughes had been spoken to by umpire Nigel Plews for repeated short pitch bowling at Smith.

England batsman Smith



David Gower

But when Russell, on 29, popped up a catch to David Boon at short leg off Geoff Lawson at 274 and Smith was bowled by the irrepressible Alderman within sight of his maiden Test century, it gave Australia the scent of victory.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 286 (J. Russell 84 not out, G. Gooch 80, D. Gower 57, M. Hughes 40 for 71)

AUSTRALIA first innings 528 (S. Waugh 152 not out, D. Boon 94, G. Lawson 74, M. Taylor 62)

ENGLAND second innings (overnight 58 for 3)

G. Gooch lbw b Alderman 0

C. Broad b Lawson 20

K. Barnett c Jones b Alderman 3

M. Gatting lbw b Alderman 22

D. Gower c Border b Hughes 106

R. Smith b Alderman 96

J. Russell c Boon b Lawson 29

J. Emburey not out 21

N. Foster lbw b Alderman 4

P. Jarvis lbw b Alderman 5

G. Dilley not out 4

Extras (b-5 lb-5 nb-2) 12

Total (nine wickets) 322

Fall of wickets: 1-0-183-24-845-

223-274-7-300-8-304-9-314

Foster takes four for 26

Cook leads Somerset to victory



Jimmy Cook

LONDON, June 26, (Reuter): South African Jimmy Cook, leading run scorer in the county championship, lashed his second Sunday League century of the season to lead Somerset to a comfortable win over Gloucestershire at Bath.

Cook, playing his first season in English cricket, ended 124 from 112 deliveries, hitting a six and 11 fours along the way as Somerset totalled 226 for five in their 40 overs.

Scam bowler Darren Foster

then weighed in with a Sunday

best four for 20 as Gloucestershire were shot out for 128, leaving Somerset winners by 98 runs.

Yorkshire's Richard Blakey

hammered his fifth consecutive

Sunday League half century to

be just one away from equaling Barry Richards record six in a row set in 1976.

Blakey made 92 not out from

90 balls as Yorkshire totalled 211 for seven and any chance

Glamorgan had of passing that

total was ended by a superb spell

from Arnie Sidebottom.

The former England seamer

closed only four runs from 6.3

overs and took three wickets in

the process as Glamorgan were

bowlled out for 162.

Leicestershire's fast medium

bowler Les Taylor

wrecked Northants

with figures of five for 20 to an eight-wicket win at Luton.

Northants were bowled out

for 31 in 34 overs and Leicestershire needed only 25.3 overs to

pass their total for the loss of two

wickets.

Standings

English Sunday League cricket table after yesterday's matches (tableau under played, won, lost, tied result, no result, points):

Essex 9 8 1 0 0 32

Lancashire 9 7 2 0 1 30

Nottinghamshire 8 6 3 0 0 20

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Edberg sails past Pridham in opener

Pernfors and Krickstein score easy wins

LONDON, June 26, (Reuters): Stefan Edberg of Sweden, unexpectedly beaten in his previous two singles matches, comfortably survived the opening contest of his Wimbledon men's title defence against Canada's Chris Pridham today.

The 103rd staging of the world's oldest tennis tournament began in warm sunshine, the weather less oppressive than in recent days, and Edberg found them ideal conditions for a recuperative 6-3 6-4 6-1 win on the centre court.

Edberg, the second seed here behind world number one Ivan Lendl, lost to American Michael Chang, 17, in the French Open final on June 11 and, two days later and even more surprisingly, was beaten in straight sets by another teenager, Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela, in the London grass-court tournament.

Against Pridham, who is 24, Edberg looked pleased to be playing someone nearer his own age and he dispensed with the world's 130th ranked player in 89

minutes.

Other seeds to win easily at the start of the tournament included American Aaron Krickstein, Swede Mikael Pernfors and Amos Mansdorf of Israel, seeded 13th, 15th and 16th respectively.

Ivan Lendl's quest for a first Wimbledon title almost ended in the first round today against a Venezuelan who was junior champion a year ago. Nicholas Pereira, 18, gave the world's top-ranked player a three-hour battle before Lendl asserted his power and experience for a 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory.

Superb forehand volley from well below the level of the net and then stooped even lower to volley the winner off his backhand.

Edberg asserted his authority by winning 12 of the first 15 points for a 3-0 lead and thereafter

minutes.

The Canadian from Oakville, Ontario, made a tentative start but then decided a more adventurous approach might be more productive and this was indeed the case although never productive enough.

Pernfors recovered from a bad start to take his first step towards a possible showdown with the top-seeded Lendl in the last 16.

Playing against willowy West German Michael Stich, who took a set off Lendl on grass



Stefan Edberg

earlier this month, Pernfors lost the first set but was largely untroubled after that, winning 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

Krickstein, beaten in the second round of each of his last three tournaments, also dropped a set against Francesco Cancellotti of Italy, ranked 37 in the

world.

But the American, making his second appearance at Wimbledon, coped with the unfamiliar experience of playing on grass better than his opponent to win 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

The honour of recording the first win of the 1989 championships fell to Mansdorf. He required less than an hour and a half to dismiss Spain's Sergio Bruguera 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.

Eleventh seed Monica Seles, the 15-year-old Yugoslav who took Steffi Graf to three sets in the semifinals of the French Open, almost came unstuck in the first round here.

She was taken to a tiebreak in the first set and lost the second before beating Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands 7-6, 1-6, 6-4.

In fact it was a good win for Seles, confirming her as a young player who combines youthful talent with an ability to perform well under pressure that is normally associated with more experienced players.

Schultz is 1.84 metres tall and

with a heavy-hitting game ideally suited to grass. But she succumbed 7-3 in the tie-break and found Seles' competitiveness too much to cope with in a tense third set.

Sixth seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, Boris Becker's projected quarterfinal opponent, became the first major casualty of the tournament when he was beaten 6-3, 7-6, 6-1 by Swede Thomas Hogstedt.

On his last Grand Prix appearance in London in November 1988, Hlasek won the indoor title at Wembley but he never looked like winning his first-round match against Hogstedt despite the Swede's lowly 119th world ranking.

What resolve he did have dissolved after he lost the second set having held a 4-1 lead. He did manage a brief fightback when Hogstedt served for the set at 5-4 but he lost the tiebreak 7-5 and was totally dispirited in the third, losing on the first matchpoint with a listless return well beyond the baseline.

Results

First-round results at the Wimbledon men's championships today (prefix number denotes round): 16th-seeded Mansdorf (Israel) beat Sergio Bruguera (Spain) 6-2, 6-1, 6-4; Mark Kratzmann (Australia) beat Yel Palchenko (Finland) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; Leif Shiras (US) beat John Isner (US) 6-7, 5-6, 2-6, 2-1; 13th-seeded Aaron Krickstein (US) beat Francesco Cancellotti (Italy) 6-1, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; Goran Ivanisevic (Yugoslavia) beat Thierry Champion (France) 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Milan Stepen (Czechoslovakia) beat Kelly Jones (US) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; 15th-seeded Pernfors (Sweden) beat Michael Stich (West Germany) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; 10th-seeded Stoltenberg (Australia) beat Stephen Bostick (Brazil) 7-6, (7-5), 7-6, (7-5), 6-3; Richard Matuszewski (US) beat Olli Rahaste (Finland) 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; Slobodan Zivojinovic (Yugoslavia) beat Anders Jarryd (Sweden) 6-7, 6-7, 6-3, 6-0; Dan Gutfreund (US) beat Kelly Everenden (New Zealand) 7-5, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; Anne Minter (Australia) beat Michael Muster (Austria) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; 12th-seeded Mansdorf (US) 6-4, 6-0; 21st-seeded Stefan Edberg (Sweden) beat Chris Pridham (Canada) 6-3, 6-4, 6-1; Eva Plast (West Germany) beat Wendy White (US) 6-4, 6-3; Isabelle Demongeot (France) beat Nathalie Dechy (France) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; 17th-seeded Stepen (Sweden) beat Brett Garnett (US) 6-2, 6-4, 6-7, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; Ken Flach (US) beat Sammy Giammalva (US) 7-6, 7-5, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; Jeremy Bates (Britain) beat Cassio Mora (Brazil) 6-7, 2-7, 6-1, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; 31st-seeded Paul Chamberlin (US) beat Monique Javer (Britain) 6-4, 6-4.

Claire Botham (UK) beat Barbara Rittner (West Germany) 6-3, 6-1; Karine Quenette (France) beat Nicolas Pereira (Venezuela) 7-6, (7-4), 6-3, 6-0, (5-7), 6-1; 31st-seeded Becker (West Germany) beat Brian Stoen (US) 6-1, 6-2, 6-1, 7-1, 7-1; 21st-seeded Hogstedt (Sweden) beat Nathalie Tauziat (France) 6-2, 6-1; Wally Masur (Australia) beat Zeeshan Ali (India) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Derrick Rosigno (US) beat Simon Youl (Australia) 7-6, (7-3), 6-4, 6-4; Peter Andrech (South Africa) beat Roni Sacks (Brazil) 7-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; 10th-seeded Connors (US) beat Andrey Cherkasov (Soviet Union) 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; Singlet: Ann Henriksson (US) beat Stacy Martin (US) 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; 6-Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) beat Monique Javer (Britain) 6-4, 6-4.

Both men suffered fitness setbacks in 1988, Hlasek being injured in a car crash and Hogstedt being struck down by pneumonia. On the evidence of today's showing, Hogstedt's recovery has been the more complete.

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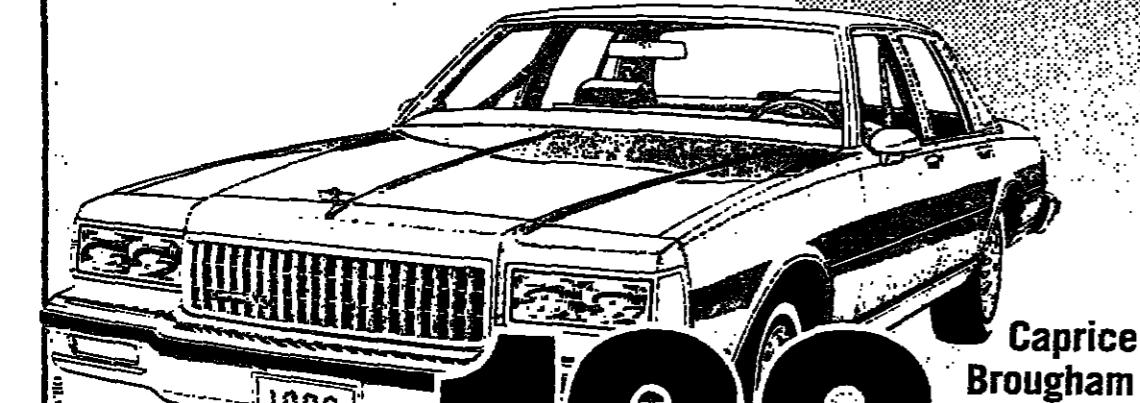
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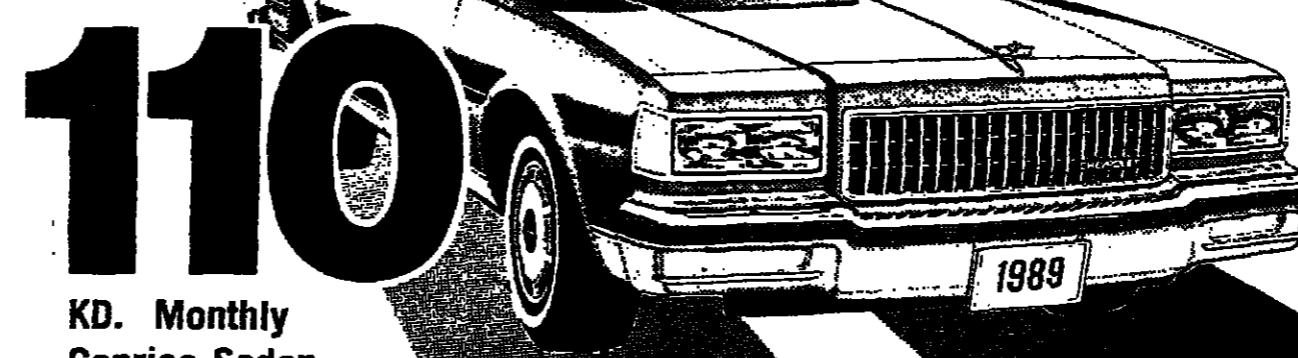
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